

February 2009

Greetings from Taytay, Philippines; February 8 - 12, the Faith Academy middle school (grades 6 – 8) students and staff had “Outdoor Education”, a time of learning outside the classroom. We went to the Bataan peninsula and Corregidor Island. It was quite a memorable experience.



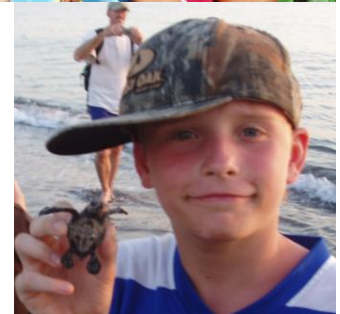
Monday, we stopped at the Mt Samat memorial of the World War II Bataan Death March, where we took this group picture (I am third from the right in the third row). Unfortunately the elevator was broken so we couldn't go up in the 320 ft. cross as planned.

Tuesday, we walked to a local elementary school where we had chapel with the students and each squad did activities with an assigned group of students. My squad of 11 6th grade boys (see below plus Josh at right) was assigned 19 first grade boys. It was hard because of the language problem, but the guys were still able to make friends. **Praise God** for about 30% of the student body who indicated first time decisions for Christ through Faith Academy's ministry there that week.



Wednesday, we learned about sea turtles at a sea turtle hatchery. Some students even released baby turtles into the ocean.

Thursday, we visited memorials, gun batteries, bunkers, caves and the Malinta tunnel on Corregidor Island. (The picture at left is of my squad minus Josh who is the one in the individual pictures above.) Both Wednesday and Thursday nights we slept under the stars.



Throughout the week we had times of worship and inspirational speakers. **Praise the Lord** with us for many students who advanced in their walk with God during the week. **Praise** also for God's protecting hand on us during the week. Although we had several minor injuries, we had nothing major.

Well, I'm running out of paper. If you want more info and pictures, you'll have to ask and I'll send it by e-mail.

Keep **praying** for Bebot, he's still in the Word and growing, but reluctant to admit his past sins to his family in an effort to bring about reconciliation with his wife and children.

The past six months have been too busy. Were these just unusually busy (first time class preps and Typhoon Ondoy) and will get better? Or, do I need to shed some responsibilities? **Pray** for God's wisdom in knowing what to do.

Thank you so much for your prayer and support.

In His service,

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