

BILL WESTERBERG JANUARY 2008 MISSION REPORT TALISAY CITY, CEBU PROVINCE, PHILIPPINES (1-31-08)

Hello to all of my Christian brothers and sisters. I have now been back in the Philippines for one week. I arrived in Talisay City on Friday, January 25th, and spent the rest of Friday and most of Saturday visiting church members and World Bible School students. I also delivered a large supply of WBS lessons from the USA.

I moved back into my old apartment on Friday. It had remained vacant since I left, and the landlord was happy to rent to me again. So, in case you need the information, my mailing address is:

Dumlog zone 1 # 105 / Ramona Village / Talisay City, Cebu 6045 / Philippines
And, if anyone wants to call me, my cell phone number is 011-63-921-950-1995. The best time to call might be 9pm to 10pm Central Standard Time, or 7:30am to 8am CST.

It was nice to see some old familiar faces again after a two month absence. I was happy to see them, and they were happy to see me also. The two most common things that they said to me were:

1) How was your visit in America? and 2) You look fat now.

Yes, I gained a little weight in the USA. Well, what did you expect? I enjoyed holiday meals and didn't get anywhere near the exercise that I normally get here. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to put two and two together and get 10 or 15 extra pounds, that is. But here in the Philippines, it is usually a compliment to tell someone they are fat, if it is not excessive. I took it as a compliment.

I plan to begin working on neighborhood house churches right away. As I visit the various groups of WBS students in the coming weeks, I will speak to them about Sunday church assemblies in their neighborhoods. I actually began talking to them about the idea before I left, so that they would have time to digest the idea before my return. With God's help, I will have something positive to report by the end of February.

I hope to stay here another two years this time around. This depends on those of you who support me financially, and some of you have already expressed agreement with the two year plan. Near the end of 2008, I will send out another e-mail to remind you about this. With the falling dollar and the fading US economy, it is hard to say what the situation will be at that time, so we will just have to wait and see and make our decisions at that time. I know that everything is in God's hands, and He can keep me here if it is His will, regardless of what happens in the USA.

Please pray for the success of the house church planting. Unless God gives the increase, my work means nothing. Also please pray for the spiritual growth of the church members we already have here.

Take care and God bless.
Bill Westerberg