

# Bringing Hope to the Philippines

**June 25th, 2009:** I am reading a book called "From Foreign to Familiar" that examines the differences between "hot-climate" and "cold-climate" cultures. I recommend it for those who are interested. It examines the differences between "cold-climate" cultures like Canada and "hot-climate" cultures like the Philippines. It points out that often people in "hot-climate" cultures are more spontaneous and don't always plan ahead. It made me think of one of the things people joke a lot about here. There is a saying here something like, "Sell your phone to buy some load." You see, everyone here has cell phones that work on a prepaid basis. You buy a certain amount of load for your phone and after you use it up, you need to go and buy more before you can text anyone or call anyone. So buying load after you have just sold your phone is kind of a pointless endeavor! I know its a joke, but it embodies the care free nature and live for today attitude that makes Filipinos so endearing. Us "cold-climaters" have a lot to learn.

**Liz...**

Liz is now 28 weeks and 2 days pregnant and for the most part is doing very well. She still struggles with the heat sometimes and apparently 28 weeks is the time of lowest energy for pregnant women. She has definitely been a little lower on energy these days and has to be careful how busy she is, but still manages to get lots done. Her belly is getting quite big (not too sure what is the politically correct way to describe it, apparently the word "solid" is not appropriate) and it is cute to see the little kids in the program come up and rub or kiss her belly. They are all excited along with us. Liz has spent a good deal of her time working on Princess Nina's case that I mentioned in the latest HFTN newsletter. There will be lots of medical visits and stuff to do, but for now

all we can really do is pray for her recovery at the orphanage and for the salvation of her whole family. Liz will have to slow down more pretty soon as the pregnancy progresses and she is planning on maternity leave for about 2 months after the baby is born. She will still be involved at HOJ, but from what I hear she will be a little busy (and me too for that matter). Until then, she will continue to do health check-ups on the kids and help do all she can to keep the kids in TFFL healthy.

**Dave...**

Well, apart from eagerly awaiting the birth of our son or daughter, I am also very excited to start a course in counseling at a seminary here. It will run every Tuesday from 6-9pm and is being taught by the same guy who did our marriage counseling. He is a great guy and I am looking forward to being back in school. I think it will not only help me grow personally, but will help in some of the ministry situations I find myself in. One of the little girls in our program named Aping was sick with Dengue this week. I made lots of visits to the hospital and spent time there with her and her mom. She was in a rough spot for a while, but we had lots of people praying for her and she went home a few days ago. Thank the Lord for protecting her and healing her.

**Dave and Liz...**

We have been enjoying getting our house ready for the little one and were really blessed by our holiday and time off this month. It was very refreshing. This July 1<sup>st</sup> we will have been back in Davao for a year. We could not do it without your love, prayer and support. Bye for now.

*Dave & Liz Wicks*



We had a great one year anniversary!



Preaching in Cabantian on June 14th.  
What an amazing place.



Aping is home healthy and happy.

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