

# NEOSLetter from Mike and Valerie Boado

*"And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will." Romans 8:27*

## OPEN DOORS

We are so grateful that we have a great God who intercedes for us in accordance with His will. The last couple of months have been a "test in waiting" as we needed to make a decision regarding the education of our children.

We weighed our options, consulted friends and family, sought advice from spiritual leaders, and submitted Valerie's application to teach at an international school in Cebu (an hour flight from Davao).

There was a brief period of silence before Valerie received a call from Cebu International School (CIS) requesting a phone interview. The interview went well and we believed this was an open door from God for us to enlarge our territory.

Many more weeks passed and a new period of silence ensued as we wondered what the Lord was doing. We just continued to wait as that was the only thing we could do. The wonderful thing was that even as we waited, God was at work.

Then, on February 8, Esther fractured her wrist during soccer practice at Faith Academy. God used Esther's injury to open doors that we didn't even know were available:

**Door #1:** Esther moved to a new home and is now living with a missionary family – the Farlins. It is only a two-minute walk to her school.

**Door #2:** Esther has been invited to live with the Farlins for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Door #3:** Steven has been invited to live with the Farlins when he begins school in Davao.

**Door #4:** The Farlins will go to the USA on furlough during the 2011-2012 school year and have asked us if we would live in their home while they are away. This way, they won't have to pack up their house and we won't have to furnish a home in Davao. We will be able to live as a family even as our children go to school. Tagum is only an hour's drive from Davao so I (Mike) can supervise the NEOS ministry and be with my family on a regular basis.

**Door #5:** God is showing us that if we can find a house-sitting situation for one year, He is capable of providing a house-sitting situation for the rest of the years that our children are in high school in Davao City, or ....He will show us another way. Whatever happens, we feel totally blessed.



So, as God spoke to us, Valerie withdrew her application to CIS. The elementary principal emailed Valerie right away to tell her that she had been chosen as one of the final five candidates for the job. Now, there are only four candidates for the job. All this time, the Spirit was interceding for us with groans that words cannot express.

Our hearts are at peace to stay in Tagum and Davao for our kids' education. We will just trust God completely to provide all that it will cost to put all three of our kids through high school and then college. God knows our needs and we are completely at peace. We will allow Him to work in His own way and in His own time. Thank you for praying with us. Your ministry of intercession touched the heart of God.

## OPEN COMMITMENTS

We asked you to pray with us about our financial situation. Thank you so much to those of you who opened your hearts and committed to support us monthly. We have gotten an additional commitment of \$770 a month for the NEOS ministry and our family. Now, we can adjust our NEOS staff support and work on our personal budget. It will take the special gifts that come in monthly to fill in the gaps to help the NEOS ministry to continue.

The NEOS ministry includes the livelihood program, the benevolent fund, the helping hand fund, the NEOS construction, office supplies, vehicles, Vacation Bible School, youth fellowship, NEOS Basketball Challenge, and the like. Thank you for partnering with us.

## OPEN MINISTRY

NEOS had seven full-time staff and out of these, Abel Casayas, James Cerillo, and Jade Porquiado resigned to look for a pasture on the other side of the fence. Abel decided to go back to school to finish his degree in engineering, Jade is working as a security guard in a local mall, and James is driving a pedicab for hire. Please pray for these three men, that they will keep their ministry open and carry the gospel of peace wherever they go. We have since hired two new staff members to help fill the vacancies left by the recent resignations. Paulino (Jun) Junsay and his wife Marietta (Rithy) have now come aboard the NEOS team. Jun started in February and Rithy started on March 18. We are excited to have them both at NEOS. This means we currently have six NEOS staff but may lose one or two more in the next few months. We are not sure what is happening, but we continue to trust God to keep the NEOS ministry open and changing people's lives one day at a time.



## OPEN FOR VOLUNTEERS

NEOS is getting ready for its 18th Vacation Bible School on April 19-23. I am guessing that we have had 5,000 children go through NEOS during VBS in the last 17 years. We are expecting another 200 this April. We will be doing the story of Creation from Book 1 of Valerie's NEOS Bible Curriculum. The exciting part of this VBS is that Esther will be teaching the Bible story. Pray for the NEOS staff as they get everything ready for VBS: the crafts (Oshany), Bible verse (Janet), Bible story (Esther), review games, outdoor games, prizes, and snacks. We have just a few more weeks to get everything ready. Pray also that everything will be provided. Does God have enough money to support this? Yes, He controls the floodgates of heaven!



Each year, Faith Academy does a week of "Outdoor Education". The high school students are taken into the Philippines for a week-long missions experience. This year, the "Outdoor Education" for Faith Academy will be held here in Tagum. Most of the fifty high school students will be volunteers for the NEOS ministry. They will help with all aspects of Vacation Bible School, plant a garden, build a house for a NEOS family, and build a fence around the house. They will also tour the city as a part of their learning experience. We are excited that Faith Academy can help us in these ways. It will also be nice for Esther's friends to meet her NEOS family and see where she has grown up. Pray that God will be honored and glorified, not just this summer, but every day in our lives and in the lives of the Faith Academy volunteers.

## OPEN ABOUT OUR NEEDS

We are in need of an additional vehicle to bus our people to and from NEOS. We have two vehicles now and one is ready to quit. Please pray that the Lord will provide for His ministry. The vacant lot adjacent to NEOS is still for sale. We would very much like to purchase this to use for a parking lot, a sanctuary, bedrooms for conferences, and a maternity clinic. The island of Mindanao has not had a good rain since December. Since Mindanao is powered by hydro-electricity, we are experiencing daily power outages. Most of our NEOS functions happen in the evenings, so these failures disrupt our activities. We are in the process of purchasing a generator for \$1,200. We will pay \$200 a month for six months. The photo above shows how we are currently generating electricity at home during the power outages.

## MIKE'S MESSAGE

Valerie and I have learned a powerful lesson since our last NEOSLetter. We have truly learned what it means to turn things over to God and to let Him do the work. We have actually been learning this lesson for years now and yet God used this specific situation to show us first-hand that He is always in control and that all we need to do is to sit back and watch Him work.

I know that God allowed us to submit Valerie's application to CIS so that we could see that just because something is a good option, it does not mean that it is the best option. We learned to proceed slowly, to stay focused on God, to trust completely in God, to ask God for wisdom, and then to obey when God gives wisdom. It has been a truly amazing journey. We had the joy of simply waiting to see how God would work in our lives and situation. We didn't have to do anything. We just watched God work, and move, and answer our prayers without us lifting a finger. Thank you for praying for us and for being a part of God teaching us how to just rest and wait on Him. We are truly grateful.

## TWO WAYS TO GIVE

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