NEOSLetter

EXTREME EDUCATION



What a blessing it was for forty-two students and nine staff of *Faith Academy Mindanao* in Davao City to come to Tagum in April to help *NEOS* with Vacation Bible School (VBS) and other work projects.

The entire week was called "Outdoor Education". The students and staff were divided into 5 groups, each assigned to specific tasks that included building a



fence, building a house, preparing a garden, and helping with VBS.

They also got a tour of Tagum
City and learned how to do
laundry by hand. Twenty-six
girls stayed at our house, while
the boys stayed at **NEOS**. It was
a joy to see these students take
their work "to the extreme" and
to make a difference in the **NEOS** ministry. We enjoyed
having them in Tagum and hope
that they can return.

EXTREME VBS



The theme of this year's VBS was "Creation". The Bible story teacher, Esther Boado, did an extremely wonderful job.

Janet Saycon taught the Bible verse, Colossians 1:16a, and it was a pleasure to watch her. Janet and her husband came to the Lord at **NEOS** many years ago and Valerie had the joy of delivering their fourth child. Janet has really struggled with teaching and has wanted to quit many times.



Even so, she never gave up and is now an extremely confident teacher who is making a difference in the lives of children every day. God be praised!

There were 270 children registered for VBS, 11 decisions for Christ, and 3 children counseled for assurance of salvation. It was the best overall VBS we have ever had at NEOS.

God is so good!



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EXTREME LEARNING

Melissa Boyken, a friend of ours from Bloomington, Indiana, will be arriving on June 24 to



minister with us. She wants to stay for a year and is excited about this extreme learning opportunity. As a **NEOS** staff member, Melissa will lead Bible studies, teach Good News Class, help with the youth group, and assist with the fitness

ministry, among many other things. We expect her to be extremely busy and are looking forward to her coming. Please pray that her transition is smooth.

EXTREME NEEDS

Additional Vehicle — VBS showed us that we really need another vehicle to bus the NEOS people to and from the facility. We have two vehicles now, but one is fifteen years old and no longer reliable. A friend is ready to buy it, but we can't sell it until we have enough money to buy a different one. Please pray for God's provision.

A Generator — In our last newsletter we wrote that we needed to buy a generator for *NEOS* and pay for it on an installment basis. Unfortunately, that generator fell through. We ended up buying an 8.8 KVA Promate gasoline generator after borrowing \$1,484.14. Please pray that the Lord will provide the money to pay for this. We had several power failures during VBS, and the generator served us well. Now we are able to keep all the *NEOS* functions on schedule. God be praised!

MIKE'S "EXTREME" MESSAGE

The word *extreme* means taking something to its limit. Doing this, however, can sometimes be dangerous. Faith is "believing in" and "putting our trust in" something we cannot see. "Extreme Faith" means to do our utmost for God's glorify.

For our family, "Extreme Faith" means that we live in Mindanao, a dangerous place, and believe that God is with us. "Extreme Faith" means that no matter what happens, we will not turn away from God. It means that we continually give "Our Utmost for His Highest" and that we trust God with reckless abandon.

Being a part of the **NEOS** ministry and living in Tagum City is our way of living out extreme faith with reckless abandon so that we might be "approved unto God". We desire to exhibit Jesus daily, allowing His "sweetness" to drip from our lives so that others will come to know Him. Valerie and I appreciate your prayers so that we can live out this extreme faith on a daily basis. It takes extreme faith to trust God for everything we need to provide for our family and the **NEOS** ministry. Yet, even though our faith is taken to the extreme, we are confident that this is right where God wants us to be.



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