

# NEOSLetter from Mike and Val Boado

**"The One Who calls you is faithful and He will do it." 1 Thessalonians 5:24**

## Forever God is Faithful

In 1991 God called us to Tagum City to direct the NEOS Fellowship Center. He told us in His Word that He would be *"forever faithful"*. He will be the One caring for us and giving us all we need to bring people to Jesus Christ. It has not always been easy but it has always been a journey in learning the faithfulness of God.



These last two months have really pushed our "faith limit" as we take the monthly support that comes in and divide it into two sections – one section for NEOS and one section for our family. Right now, the NEOS Center is doing its best to survive its day-to-day expenses with local rentals of the basketball court, library, and weekly offerings. We then use our CTEN support to help NEOS pay the salaries of eight employees and to offset expenses that NEOS cannot cover.

Usually ministry partners send in extra gifts that help us reach our monthly budget. These past two months, however, have been difficult since we only received a total of two extra gifts. This means we have not reached our budget and that we are being stretched to trust God even more. These tough times simply remind us that God wants us to continue to trust in Him. Val will now tell you what God did for us very recently.

## A Lesson in God's Faithfulness

Recently, I e-mailed a friend about my struggle to rely on thirty people and two churches to send checks to CTEN. That next Sunday we sang *"Forever God is Faithful"*. God spoke to me very clearly, saying, *"Val, you are not relying on thirty individuals. You are relying on Me. I am the One who takes care of you. I am using others to provide for you, but I am the One who ultimately provides. So, if someone forgets to mail a check or something happens so they cannot, I will meet your needs!"*

I felt awful and with tears streaming down my face I asked the Lord to forgive me. God had taught me a very important lesson. He hasn't let us down in twenty years of marriage. He has brought us through many situations in which we had no idea what we were going to do. Yet, God was always faithful. He is forever faithful.

Immediately after church that Sunday, God showed us His faithfulness in a tangible way. Mike and I had just been wondering where we were going to get enough money to buy rice. We usually put a little money aside for this each month, but for some reason, we had not done it. All we could do was put 800 pesos in an envelope and say, *"Lord, we need*

*800 more."* That same Sunday when God had given me His lesson in faithfulness, Mike and I attended a church's 53rd anniversary where Mike was invited to preach. After lunch, one of the deacons gave Mike a love gift for his preaching. When we opened the envelope, there was 1500 pesos! This was enough money for our rice plus a little bit more for a contingency fund. God gave MORE than we asked for. His faithfulness is forever and His faithfulness is real even today.

## Faithful Kids

Esther just turned 16 on August 18 and is now in her sophomore year of high school at Faith Academy Mindanao (FAM). She is getting to know more and more people, but schoolwork is getting more and more rigid. She is also a member of the student council and is having a great time.

Steven is in eighth grade and is working on writing a research paper about traffic control and safety in the Philippines. He continues to skateboard with his friends and is still in charge of the worship team at NEOS.

DeeAnn is finishing up the fifth grade. She is learning to work hard and concentrate on the task in front of her at the moment. All three of them are faithful members of the NEOS ministry. God is using all their talents in guitar, piano, drums, singing, and even teaching children to bring glory to Him. We are blessed to be a part of their lives.



## Kindergarten at Faith Academy

Valerie was asked to be the kindergarten teacher at Faith Academy Mindanao until the regular teacher was able to return to the Philippines. From August 1 – 20, Val lived with Esther in her bedroom at her boarding house and they both traveled home on the weekends. It was a special time for Val and Esther to live together and Val enjoyed her three weeks teaching Kindergarten very much. God used those three weeks to work in Val's heart in a special way. It was so wonderful for her to be back in the classroom and for her to see the awesome ministry that is going on at FAM in Davao City.

We plan to enroll all three of our children at FAM in 2011. Valerie will live with them in Davao City. Since Val will live with them there, we are thinking that she might as well teach at FAM. So, Val has submitted her application to teach at FAM beginning in the fall of 2011. Please help us pray that God will do what is best for our family in regards to FAM. Thank you.



### Needed: A Faithful Vehicle

The NEOS blue vehicle is no longer faithful or reliable. The power steering gearbox went out as our driver was taking people home one Sunday night. It is still sitting in the shop and we hope to get it working again soon. We are in the process of fixing it so that we can sell it. NEOS is currently using only one vehicle to move people around. This is not a good situation. It is hard on the drivers and it is hard on the people who have to wait longer to get where they need to go. We move people around frequently and we want these people to be able to join our functions.

It is time that we get a new vehicle for NEOS. We have been looking carefully for over a month now and still have not found the right one. We know that God knows right where the vehicle is. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to a vehicle that will be faithful for the NEOS ministry. We want to thank those of you who have already given financially to help us purchase a new vehicle. We are still in need of

about \$6000 more to buy a new one. Pray for the rest of the needed finances to purchase it.

### The NEOS Library

The official opening of the library was on August 30, 2010. We gave out invitations and even had a book fair and garage sale at the same time. We are hoping that many readers will come and use the library for their assignments as well as for pleasure. We are hoping that while coming to NEOS to read, they will learn to know Jesus and His faithfulness to them. We are in need of high school and college textbooks so that the students will be able to do their assignments well. Please contact Shelby Wilson if you have any books you would like to donate. Thank you.

### Mike's Message

Melisa Boyken arrived from Indiana in June and is enjoying her stay in Tagum. She goes to NEOS daily and joins the staff in their responsibilities. She also helps DeeAnn with her schoolwork and even volunteers to take her turn at washing dishes. She's friendly AND faithful! We are glad she's here until May of 2011. Pray that God would do a wonderful work in Melissa's life while she's with us.

On July 8, I solemnized my first wedding and have since officiated two others. All three of these couples already have children and have been living together for some time. The requirements to get married in this country are very strict and so it was a joy for NEOS to help them cope with the paperwork and the financial obligations of getting married. I am now counseling all three couples once a week. I invited two more couples to join us and am hoping that these couples will grow to love each other and to understand God's faithfulness in their lives.



Please pray for us. Pray that we will never forget that God is the one taking care of us and providing for us and that He is simply using you to do just that. Pray that our humanness will not take over and that we will always focus on God and not on our circumstances. We don't ever want to stray from God's way. Pray that God would provide for our monthly support and for a new vehicle for NEOS.

The Lord is doing an amazing work at NEOS and in our family. He called us here to Tagum and we know that He will do everything necessary to keep NEOS and our family going. God is faithful in our lives and we know that He is also faithful in yours. Let's trust in His faithfulness together.



*Lord, call me deeper into Your love and Your grace, Bring me to my knees so that I will see your face.*

*Open my eyes to the work of your hands, My choice is to follow the way of your plans.*

*Even though I am weak and at times I will stray, My confidence is in God's power and on my knees I will stay. (Valerie Boado)*

### NEOS BIBLE CURRICULUM

Valerie is now writing Sunday school materials beginning with Creation and eventually moving chronologically through the entire Bible. Each book comes complete with visual aids, lesson plans, teaching instructions, games, review questions and exams. Every few books even has a complete Vacation Bible School.

Go to the NEOS blog to see samples of the books. Please email us if you are interested in purchasing these books.

**Book 1:** Creation to Cain and Abel (with VBS)

**Book 2:** Noah to Abraham

**Book 3:** Isaac and Jacob

**Book 4:** Joseph (with VBS)

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