

NEOSLetter from Mike and Val Boado

FAMILY NEWS



During the week of Oct. 26-30, Esther, Steven, and Melissa Boyken lived in Davao City and attended the *Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)* teacher's training class entitled *Teaching Children Effectively (TCE) Level 1*. They will now complete a practicum here at NEOS. Once they complete their practicum, they will receive a certificate of completion for the class. This CEF course is awesome training for anyone who wants to learn how to teach the Bible to children. Please contact your local CEF office for information on how you can attend one of these classes in your local area.

Please pray with us as we start to think about Valerie and the children living in Davao City beginning in August of 2011. Valerie will live with the children while they attend Faith Academy Mindanao (FAM). The school does not have a boarding home and since we will enroll all three of our children at FAM, Valerie will need to go and live with them. Please pray that we can find an affordable place to live that is already furnished. I will continue to live here in Tagum and run the NEOS Fellowship Center.

We are planning to be in the US next summer for about 8 weeks. It will be a fast trip since school lets out at the end of May and starts again the beginning of August. Please pray with us that God will work out the details for this trip.

Melissa continues to live with us and has become a part of the family. We enjoy having her around and she is growing in the Lord. She is currently Dee Ann's teacher and both of them are enjoying the challenge.



NEOS NEWS

We want you to praise the Lord with us for His provision of a new NEOS vehicle. Thank you very much to those of you who gave towards its purchase. We were able to secure a slightly used Kia van with only 6,300 miles. We had to borrow \$5,500 locally to complete the transaction since the funds that had been donated were not quite enough. Pray that the Lord will provide the money to pay off the loan we took for the new vehicle. We are also taking up a weekly offering during the NEOS Sunday service to help defray the loan.

We now have two Kia vans that we use to transport children and families to and from NEOS. We are so excited for how God is taking care of NEOS. The old blue car is still for sale. Pray it will sell soon.

We have added two more home Bible studies as part of NEOS. This now brings our total to seven weekly studies. We hope to add two more in November. These home Bible studies are encouraging families to attend worship



with us on Sunday nights and provide an avenue for sharing and discussion that our worship times do not allow for. I, Mike, lead three of the Bible studies and the NEOS staff lead the rest.

NEOS LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM

Several years ago we started a program to help the people we come into contact with through NEOS. Valerie and I long to bring people to Jesus, but we also know that people need a "reason" to come to NEOS to study the Bible and to come to know Jesus. God showed us that if we could provide homes and jobs for people, that their hearts might be softened to the Gospel. This plan is bearing fruit and we are asking God to keep these programs going so that more families and people will be exposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Right now we have two main Livelihood Projects in the works. The first one is to help provide homes. The NEOS building itself is equipped with room for four families. Valerie and I also own a piece of land not far from our current home and we have been waiting for the Lord to show us what to do with it. We began building homes on the land and now have three homes completed with one more to be completed as soon as funds become available. We already have a family ready to move in if we could just get it finished. All in all, we have provided homes for seven families. This is so exciting. We still have room for a few more houses. We just need the financial



resources to complete the homes. We further provide for these families by employing them through NEOS or through having them work for us personally.

The second goal of the NEOS Livelihood Program is to provide jobs. Here in the Philippines, public transportation is very important. One means of public transportation is a motorcycle with a sidecar. We have purchased five of these vehicles (called pedicabs). Four of them belong to Val and me and one of them belongs to NEOS. Our sending organization, CTEN, actually donated the funds to purchase the NEOS pedicab. Each driver pays a daily fee/rent to drive the vehicle. That monthly rent is used to supplement our monthly income and it gives the drivers a way to feed their families. The money from the NEOS pedicab goes into a fund to help with NEOS's general fund as well as to purchase additional pedicabs in the future.

Each family that is involved in the NEOS Livelihood Program has signed a contract explaining that they are allowed into this program so that they will come to know Christ. We are doing these projects with their spiritual welfare in mind. The bottom line is that they join a Bible study and attend Sunday worship so that they can grow in their relationship with Jesus. Each family is so thankful and blessed to be a part of the NEOS Livelihood Program. Lives are being changed and families are able to get out of severe poverty because of what Christ offers them through NEOS.

All donations marked NEOS Livelihood Program will be used to further the work of this important ministry. Thank you in advance for your part in seeing lives changed for the Kingdom.



MIKE'S MESSAGE

As a spiritual leader, I am to be the spiritual nourishment for my people until they learn to rely on God by themselves. In the Gospel of John, chapter 21, God commands Peter to *"feed my lambs."* Since I am a pastor and a spiritual leader, my job is to *"feed the lambs of Jesus."* The lambs that God has given to me to feed are the families and young people that are under my care at NEOS. God also commands that I am to *"take care of His sheep."* I must feed them and care for them by manifesting the love of God in tangible ways.

It is amazing (but not surprising) that when we meet the physical needs of people, that their interest in their spiritual needs usually increases. So far, NEOS has employed twelve families and given homes to seven families. These people are now regularly attending NEOS functions and are growing in their relationship to God.

Our prayer is that our NEOS Livelihood Program will draw more people to the Lord. We are able to give them a place to stay and a job to earn a living. As a result, their spirits are more open to the gospel. I desire to keep feeding and caring for these lambs until they will all learn to feed on and trust in God on their own. Thank you for your partnership in all that God is doing here through NEOS.

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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