

# NEOSLetter from Mike and Val Boado

## WAITING ON GOD

During this past year, God has taught us that when we pray, we must simply wait on Him and then be content with His answers. We know that He is in control, and so we must get to know Him through it all. We just take one day and one step at a time. Let us share with you how God has worked this past year.

We had been concerned about how we could financially put our kids into the International School in Davao, so Val applied to teach at an international school in Cebu. Over time God showed us that He now wants us to trust Him to keep our children at the International School in Davao.

Val withdrew her application to the school in Cebu and God worked it out through our supporters and the school in Davao, Faith Academy Mindanao (FAM), for us to afford to keep Esther at FAM. We just needed to wait on Him and trust Him to do it.

Valerie then applied to teach at FAM which meant that she and the kids needed a place to live in Davao. We thought we had a perfect place, and yet the owner did not want 4 people living in the apartment. We did not panic and we did not get depressed. We trusted that God had something better for us.

We recently signed a contract for an apartment with three bedrooms that is a 30-second walk from the front gate of FAM. God said NO to the first apartment because He knew He had something better for us. We just had to wait on His timing.

Valerie has been wondering what her teaching assignment would be the next school year. She just found out that she will be teaching second grade at FAM for the 2011-2012 school year.

Valerie has been dreaming about taking a trip through Asia to visit missionary friends for many years now. In January, God stopped saying, "Wait." and finally said, "Yes". Val flew DeeAnn to Korea to live with some friends for three months. After being with Dee for two weeks, she went to China and then to Nepal. It was a wonderful trip that has helped her both spiritually and physically. She is now able to tolerate walking for exercise and is now exercising on a regular basis.

Valerie has also been trying to book our flights to the USA. It has taken her over one month since each quote she got was just too expensive. We prayed and asked God to give us flights that would be the best for us. We finally booked flights that have

saved us nearly \$3000. God has been so good as we have waited on him for these many things. We chose to take one day and one step at a time.

## FAMILY NEWS

DeeAnn was given a wonderful opportunity to live with an American family in Korea from January to April of 2011. The father is a marketing professor in one of the oldest universities in Seoul. DeeAnn was able to learn the basics of the Korean language and though she left home a "little girl", she returned to the Philippines a responsible young woman. What an awesome gift this trip was for her. She will never



forget it. Thank you, Robert, Crystal, Robby, Christopher, and Daniel.

We will be enrolling all three kids at FAM this August. Esther and Steven will be in high school and DeeAnn will be in middle school. Valerie and the kids will live in an apartment (just across the street from the school) in Davao City during the week and travel to Tagum on the weekends.

The wonderful thing about the apartment is that it has its own refrigerator and air conditioner so we don't have to buy those items. God is good.

Valerie will be teaching second grade this next school year at FAM. She is excited about this new ministry assignment and is looking forward to living with the kids in Davao City. Mike will stay in Tagum and continue to oversee the NEOS Fellowship Center.

Please pray for our finances. We will be paying rent and utilities on this apartment and tuition for three students, as well as the cost of traveling back and forth each week to Davao City. We know that this is what God has for our family for the next few years and we trust Him to take care of us during these changes in our lives and ministry. We are choosing to take one day and one step at a time.

## USA TRIP

We will be in the USA from May to July of this year. We will land in Indianapolis on May 28 and fly out of Indianapolis on July 19. Here is our tentative schedule so far:

May 28	—	Bloomington, IN
June 6	—	Drive to Springfield, MO
June 7	—	Drive to Ponca City, OK
June 10	—	Drive to Oklahoma City, OK
June 11	—	Drive to Plano, TX
June 13	—	Drive to Kerrville, TX
June 14-16	—	CTEN Orientation Meetings
June 17	—	Drive to Bloomington, IN
July 10	—	Mike will preach at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Bloomington, IN
July 12	—	Bible Study at United Methodist Church in Bloomington, IN
July 19	—	Return to the Philippines

As you can see, we have no plans to be in Colorado this summer or to do much traveling. Valerie needs to renew her teaching license, and we must be in Texas for our mission meetings. Other than that we will just enjoy our family time in Bloomington and other parts of Indiana. We have only two speaking engagements on our calendar at this time so please let us know if you would like us to speak in your church, Bible study group or home fellowship. We would LOVE to share with you what God is doing in the Philippines through NEOS.

Please also pray about how God would have you be apart of our trip to the USA. It is amazing how expensive the flights are now, and yet we know that we need to take this trip. We know that God is going to provide for our every need. From the cost of our plane tickets, to Valerie's teaching license, to gasoline and hotels and just day-by-day needs. God is in control and we will just take the summer one day and one step at a time. Thank you for praying for us.

## NEOS NEWS

We want you to praise the Lord with us that the old blue car that belonged to NEOS finally sold this past January. We were able to use the money from the sale of the blue car to add to our balance of what we owed for the purchase of the Kia in October. God in His goodness has helped us pay off the balance of the Kia. Thank you to all of you who helped with that project. We are grateful.



The NEOS livelihood program continues to bless lives each day. We continue to provide homes and jobs for people, and their hearts are being softened to the Gospel. Right now we have three homes and five pedicabs (motorcycles with a sidecar) running daily. We would like to purchase another pedicab so that one more family can be involved in this wonderful project.

The goal is for the pedicabs to grow in number so that the income for the pedicabs can be put into the general fund at NEOS. As the number of pedicabs grows, the income for NEOS will also grow. We hope to eventually get NEOS to the point of being completely supported by indigenous funds.

We continue to ask God for the empty lot that is right next to NEOS. Even though the owner has no desire to talk to us about selling, the Lord has given

us signs that He is working. An anonymous donor has a great burden for this empty lot and wants to help us make it a reality. This donor will match any designated donation for the empty lot with the exact same amount for up to \$40,000.

The price of the empty lot as of the moment is \$60,000. Please pray that the owner will be willing to talk to us about selling the land and also come down on the price. Please pray that the money needed to purchase the land will be acquired.

Please pray that God will move and the owner will soften her heart so that she will come to know Him through this situation. Please write "empty lot" on the memo line of your donation so that it can be added to the matching project. Thank you very much.

Our annual NEOS Vacation Bible School was held during the last week of April. The theme was The Ten Commandments. The exciting part of this VBS was the main Bible teachers. The Bible story teacher was one of Valerie's special mothers. Val delivered Janet's fourth child ten years ago. We had 277 children registered and recorded 40 decisions for Christ. It was a wonderful week!



### VISITOR'S VOICE

My name is Melissa Boyken and I want to share my experience of living in the Philippines with the Boado Family for this past year. Before coming to the Philippines, I was unsure what the "next step" was in my life. I had a desire to pursue further schooling, but there was something telling me to take time away from school. Should I get a job? Should I do something else? I prayed about this and also talked with my parents and close friends.

Next thing I knew, I was planning my journey to the Philippines. I had no idea what was in store for me, including what life would be like, what exactly I would be doing, and how I would be living. This was a complete leap of faith for me and was very exciting, but a little scary at the same time. When I arrived, the Boado family greeted me with open arms and open hearts.



This ministry has opened my eyes to all God can do when people are willing to serve Him with all their heart. The ministry at NEOS is possible because of the faithful staff and volunteers at NEOS. People give their time, energy, and hearts to help share Christ with the people of Tagum City, Philippines. This ministry has helped show me how much I want to give my heart to sharing Christ, whether in a local church ministry or some other ministry.

Along this journey, there have been ups and downs, good times, and not so good times. There have been times I've missed my family and friends, and times I've wished I could just pick up the phone and call someone. Well, being in the Philippines, I've had to learn to live without such close contact to those I love and I've learned to really rely on God and rest in Him. Through this experience, I've realized that God is in everything.

He has been with me every step of the way and He has just wanted me to trust in Him about my future. He wants me to completely surrender my life to Him and allow Him to work.

I feel like God was trying to show me and teach me to rely on Him. He is my Father, the One I should run to in times of need. He is always there. He is here for me when I am all by myself. He promised to never leave me, and to always be with me, no matter what. Throughout this experience I have realized that God is the One who will always be there for me, and I am to turn to Him in times of need, whether this be regarding my future, sickness, hurt, or anything else. He is the best listener, comforter, healer, and Father. I'm so thankful for this journey. My relationship with my Father God is deeper, I appreciate my earthly family more, and I was able to experience the NEOS ministry and life with the Boado family.

***Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25***

*Spiritual lust demands an answer from God instead of seeking God Who gives the answer. When I don't get what I want from my prayers, then I can become depressed. If depression creeps in, it is my own doing, my own choice. Depression is not from God. Prayer is important. But the purpose of prayer is not so that I will get hold of the answer. Prayer is how I get hold of God and get to know Him. Then, no matter what the answer is when it comes, I choose not to get depressed but to be content in Him. I choose to take one step at a time and keep on moving. I choose to NOT feel sorry for myself but to bask in Him and let Him work in me. So, I pray for my life that I will choose to seek God instead of seeking answers. I pray for my life to choose contentment instead of depression. I pray for my life to choose to remember that God is in control and not me. I choose to take one step at a time and not get ahead of today.*

***This is Valerie's own paraphrase of the Feb. 7 entry in My Utmost For His Highest by Oswald Chambers.***

## MIKE AND VAL

This has been a busy few months for Val and me. Val has done four Sunday school workshops to explain her Bible curriculum books and to simply help pastors and church members catch the vision for teaching God's Word to students of all ages. Val was even able to do one of her workshops in Manila for the video cameras. The video will be released in an effort to help churches and Bible teachers understand the NEOS Bible Curriculum for All Ages and how to present God's Word in a fun and exciting way. Please let us know if you are interested in Val's books and/or the video.

I continue to preach in different churches on Sunday mornings. It is a joy for me to expound God's Word each week. I was even privileged recently to share in my hometown and in the town where I became a Christian. My great joy is leading home Bible studies and a marriage class that we have had each week at NEOS since last November. Eight couples have had the joy of learning new ways to strengthen their marriages and grow deeper in love.

Val and I even had the joy of leading a pastor's conference together in March. There were 23 churches that joined with 82 pastors, pastors' wives, lay leaders, and volunteers. After the seminar, they wanted us to come back some other time and do a parenting conference. It was a privilege for us to teach and encourage God's people. It was a breath of fresh air.

In closing, we want to thank you for being a part of what we do here in Tagum. Please know that we are very grateful. Now that Melissa is leaving, we would love to have YOU come stay with us for a while so that you too can experience not only the NEOS ministry but also God's changing power in your life. Remember, just take one day and one step at a time and God will bless you for it.



## 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)

## TWO WAYS TO GIVE

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***Thank you in advance!***