



# The Ransom Note

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*“The son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”*

Mark 10:45



Sean Ransom

## SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL BLESSINGS

“They are on a boat to Manila now”, said the fellow missionary who was on the other end of the phone, as he called to register three more Filipino pastors for our conference. It was now the day before the event, and we were so blessed to know that we already had 400+ delegates pre-registered. They were all ministry leaders, the majority of them pastors serving in the



Men enjoying the conference

front lines, coming from as far away as 12-hour boat rides from other islands. This was the 3rd annual Pastor’s Conference sponsored by our partners, The PETRA Foundation and Greenhills Christian Fellowship. After going to the Shepherd’s Conference at Grace Community Church in California earlier this year, our team from PETRA/GCF was full of ideas to enhance the conference here in Manila. The goal was to bless the delegates in both



Jessica Ransom

spiritual and physical ways. The conference fee of 300 pesos was waived for anyone in need, and lunch, along with snacks and coffee, was provided for all each day. Lodging with three daily meals was also provided to as many as 150 people. By the end of it, more than 650 ministers enjoyed three days of hearing God’s Word being preached, break out sessions on various topics such as expository preaching, local church ministry, conflict resolution,



TMS Grad, Roger Ng

missions, ministry to the poor, and three sessions for women taught by my wife Jessica. I taught on preaching and interpreting the Bible to a few hundred ministers and will follow up the conference with two 14-week classes on those topics. Jessica will do a follow up class for mothers using Tedd Tripp’s book, “Shepherding a Child’s Heart.” We were also joined by TMS graduate Roger Ng who spoke on preaching, leadership, local church ministry and missions. It was also such a blessing to watch members of GCF minister to the delegates. They



helped provide prayer support, food, rides, clothing, medical/dental/vision care as well as serving at the conference where needed. In the words of our conference’s closing song: “To God be The Glory.”

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# THE TRAVELS OF TMAI PHILIPPINES



Sean Ransom Teaching

## How to Interpret the Bible: One

### Week Module in Palawan (by Sean)

On June 28th -July 3rd, I was joined by Pastor Weymann Lee from Arizona and Pastor Henry Ventura, a national pastor, to fly to the nearby island of Palawan in order to teach a one week module on How to Interpret the Bible. We were blessed to train about 60 ministers who proved to be eager students; some of them traveling as many as four hours to get there. They came from various churches and ministries.

Pastor Weymann's wife, Helen, also ministered, traveling to a nearby women's prison and sharing with the inmates.



Pastor Weymann Lee teaching



Class from the Palawan Module (How to Interpret the Bible)



## Introduction to Preaching: Week-Long Module in Batangas— July 24th to 30th, 2009 (by Sean)

In July, we traveled to Batangas to teach a second module in follow up to the first module taught in 2008. This time we taught about 25 men on expository preaching. I was joined by Pastor Vincent Greene, a fellow graduate of The Master's Seminary, and Pastor Henry Ventura as we taught, preached and then listened to our students take turns preaching. We were very encouraged to hear them apply what they had just learned to their messages. Vincent and his family stayed with us for about a month to see what their life might be like here, as they are praying about possibly serving here long term with us. We really enjoyed their visit and would be so blessed to have their family on our team. Vincent is currently finishing up his doctorate and will begin the support raising process. We are praying to one day have a team of 4 to 6 men teaching at TMAI and modeling expository preaching.



Pray for The Greene family: Vincent, Kim, Meredith, Will and Adam.



Pastor Vincent Teaching

## It was Wonderful Chaos!

Our was house full of the sounds of laughing and playing as our children made the most of their time with their cousins. In June, we had the blessing of having Jessica's brother and older sister bring their families to visit. Grandma & Grandpa joined too, so for about a week, we had 22 people in our house! Jessica's siblings had not been to Manila for more than 20 years. It was really quite a treat for all of us.

## Pray for Help and Hope for Angela and her Family

(By Jess)

She ran off so quickly, we weren't sure if she was offended at first . . . but about 10 minutes later, we spotted her running back towards us again from about a block away, followed by a woman hurrying to keep up, just a short distance behind. We guessed correctly that it was her mother. We had caught a glimpse of young Angela earlier that day as she walked by the community center where we were gathered for little Charliel's wake. Angela caught our eye because of her cleft lip. God had given us the opportunity in the past to help two other children with cleft palates, and we sensed that perhaps God was possibly giving us another opportunity now. When we got to meet her a short while later, we asked if she would be interested in finding out if her lip could be repaired. She nodded excitedly, gave a big smile, and then



9 Year old Angela

ran off (now we know it was to get her mom). Diosa, pronounced "Josa", is a small young woman, probably weighing less than 100 lbs. It's hard to believe that she is the mother of six girls. She was glad to know that there might be help available for Angela. We soon arranged for Angela's complete physical exam and lab tests in order to get medical clearance for her to undergo the operation. To our dismay, the x-rays revealed that Angela has Koch's disease, or in more familiar terms, the children's version of tuberculosis. She will first need treatment for at least 3 months before she can be healthy enough to have surgery. Please keep Angela in your prayers. Pray that we would be able to help her get completely healed of her tuberculosis, and that she would eventually have successful repairs of her cleft palate and cleft lip. Pray most of all for the salvation of Angela and her family, that God might use us to help them understand His wonderful grace, so that they may have the HOPE of eternal life with God in heaven.

## Soccer Clinic at a Women's Prison (by Jess)



Kian coaching some of the kids

.... No, not for the inmates. It was a soccer clinic for the children of the inmates. This summer, Kian took part in an advanced soccer workshop designed to help him and his peers to improve their skills in the game as well as to learn how to use soccer to share the gospel with youth and children.



The whole gang inside the prison grounds

The missionary teenagers then took their training into The Correctional Institute for Women on the day that the children have their monthly visit with their mothers. The teens taught the children some soccer tricks, let them play, and then shared the gospel with them.

Aug 12th Anniversary



*Praise God for twenty wonderful years so far*



Sharing the gospel with the kids

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## How are The Ransoms Kids?



Tyler & Grace joined soccer this summer.  
Tyler is showing off his first sports injury.



Isabella just had her third  
birthday on Sept 3, 2009

We now send off **FOUR** kids to  
school each morning: From L-R:  
Christian in 8th, Tyler in Kinder',  
Grace in 2nd and Kian in (11th)

### Please Pray . . .

- Praise God for a wonderful Conference of 650 delegates!
- September 7th begins our new set of classes— 4 classes across 3 different locations each week. Pray for God to bless each one
- Jessica will also begin leading a women's class on parenting using Tedd Tripp's book, *Shepherding a Child's Heart*.
- Pray for Jessica's time, as she is now also serving part time on administrative staff at Faith Academy.
- At the end of September, Sean will be joining national pastor, Leo Ordiales, on a trip to the island of Mindoro in order to train a small group of ministers . They will drive and take a boat to the island so that the men can grow in their ministry skills without having to leave their area and disrupting their ministry.