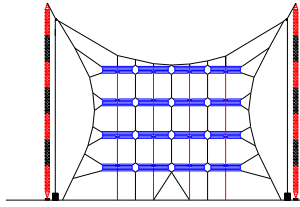


# GABBIE S SAIPAN SIFTINGS



Dear Friends,

We trust you all had a great and special Christmas, and that you Kiwi's had a happy, relaxing summer holiday!

The Canadian team of 10 left us after a 3 week stay, with nicely painted buildings - using over 100 gallons of paint! - new railings around the two storied buildings, one resurfaced road on the compound, and new lighting in some of our working areas! We had some fun times with them, too!

Irene's co-worker, Bev, is in the states with her mother, who is in need of care, so Irene is taking care of all 3 language blocks - Russian, Mandarin, Indonesian/Vietnamese. To refresh your memory, we broadcast in 16 languages for 14 hrs a day. Bev possibly won't be returning, as she and Dean will be retiring in August.

At present, our friends Ed & Jean Muehlfelt, who have been here many times before, are here for 6 weeks to help out in a number of areas. We have dug a trench, laid conduit for a new fiber optic cable for our computer networks, "plumbed" the towers, - meaning they are straight and true - installed a "dummy load" to test transmitters with, instead of on-air testing, to name a few projects. They brought Tim, a young missionary intern with them - a computer IT person, who is fixing a number of problems we have, upgrading some of our software applications and hardware, and setting up the fiber optic cable.

Not only do we have Ed & Jean with us, we also have another couple here for 2 months, who were here in 2000. John & Ruth Stanley will be helping us with transmitter issues, some antenna and feed-line mismatching problems we have, and a number of other things. There is always plenty to do!

We are thankful that our power situation remains stable, and the local power company anticipates that the contract for the rental generators won't need to be renewed in August, as the generators will be repaired by then.

A few days ago, we had a visit from the police department's unexploded ordinance department, wanting to see if we had any bombs, hand grenades or mortars that we wanted to get rid of - they come on and off to do this. During our discussions they mentioned that in the previous two days that they had removed over 450 bombs, hand grenades, & mortars from the piece of land next door to us that is being cleared! They are saying it could take until the end of this year to "make it safe!" This stockpile is taken to a safe place where it will be detonated at a later date.

We helped our Russian friend Yulia move into a new apartment, having a lot of fun with her and her 3 yr old son, Isaiah. She is a relatively new Christian, and really soaks up the discussions we have in the home group we attend! Pray for her as she grows in her spiritual walk.

In January, Owen ran in his first half marathon, completing it in 2hrs 10 mins. There were 150 in the half marathon, and 150 in the marathon!

Listeners Letters from China -

When I listen to Liangyou Radio Broadcast, I feel that God is speaking to me through his servants. As I listen, the programs caused me to repent, some reminded me to express thanksgiving in prayer, and some moved me to make pledges to God. God's mercy is great! His grace is abundant and is sufficient for me. I pray that God will help me be watchful, prayerful and alert, so that I can lead a godly and holy life each day for the glory of God's name.

It is a pleasure to listen to your programs. I benefited a lot from both the anchor and the learned teachers, exposition and analysis on selected Bible passages, everyday knowledge and stories. I benefited especially from their analyses from interpersonal, psychological and emotional perspectives. I really like this program!

For those of you who don't receive this by email, we now have a family website! With Caleb's assistance and provision, our website has photos and other information that we trust you will enjoy!

The address is <http://gabbies.crayleb.com/>

We usually try to update it each week, with new photos or prayer/praise items. Some of it is still under construction. Due to recent email problems, which are beyond our control, and for which we apologize, please change your address book to:

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Thanks, too for your Christmas emails and cards!!

Love and blessings,

Handwritten signature of Owen Irene

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