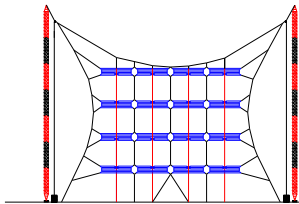


GABBIE S SAIPAN SIFTINGS



Dear Friends,

The peace and quiet of our compound is suddenly shattered by the throaty bellow of our generator starting up. Island power has failed again. This is happening all too often, as the power plant is in a bad way. Sometimes we have 4 outages a day - lasting for up to 12 hrs. This is impacting our broadcasts quite considerably, as our generator isn't big enough to power the transmitters. Previously, one of us would have to rush to manually start the generator to get power for the compound, but, thanks to one of our short term volunteers, and a donation of funds, we now have an automatic transfer switch, which senses when island power is off, starts the generator, and transfers the generator's power to the compound! This is really appreciated in the middle of the night! We would value prayer for wisdom and patience as we deal with this, and also for wisdom for the authorities as they try to remedy the situation. Many of the population don't have generators, and they are also without water during these power cuts.

Because it is now the wet season, Owen hasn't been able to do much on the towers, but has been on them a couple of times when weather permitted, and made some progress in checking items off the "to do" list! He was able to do some road maintenance on the new tractor and was really impressed with the ease with which the tractor performed the task!

Recently we had a family of five here for a month helping out in the maintenance dept. The family included 3 teens and they water-blasted and painted some of the buildings. It was great having these young people who gave up a month of their summer to come out and help us! The parents helped, too, also in the same department!

The Oceania Athletics were held here on Saipan. We had read in the local paper that a team from N.Z. were going to be competing, so we went to the venue in anticipation of seeing the familiar black uniform with the Silver Fern the athletes would be wearing. We were not disappointed, as the Kiwi's took a large number of medals home with them! We had hoarse voices for a while! It was great to hear

kiwi speak, and catch up with news of home!

One of the missionaries was driving down our canyon road the other day, and noticed a bad smell. Investigation showed a dead pig had been dumped in the drain. Owen was given the job of extricating & removing the pig, and carefully transporting it to a suitable place for burial. Another task for our tractor!

For many years, Owen has not slept well. Medication helped, but wasn't the answer. His doctor talked him into talking to the local ENT Specialist, who performed an "Open Tipped Rhinoplasty" He now sleeps really well, and can breathe normally! Both of us are really happy!

We are slowly getting to know the new teachers that have come to Saipan Community School, and are forming good friendships with them, and have been hiking with them. Some of them have joined the home group we attend. Irene has been asked to be a teacher-help again this year, so spends time every Friday at the school.

Irene has another "Ladies Nite Out" at the end of September. The speaker this time is Bev, Irene's co-worker. The theme is "Hats off to Women."

Listeners letters

I regularly listen to FEBC's broadcasts from Manila and Saipan. Because of my work, I had to move to an area of Sumatra where very few Christians live. Your programs offered my heart comfort and peace. I deeply understand the Word of God because of your daily broadcasts. I hope your programs will reach many others, to also help them learn about Jesus.
listener in Sumatra, Indonesia

I'm a faithful listener of FEBC, having tuned into your programs since 1993. You are my truest friend. Apart from having meals and going to bed, I always have my radio with me. I've used up more than 10 radios over the past decade. The Word of God is my spiritual nourishment and strength. Because of FEBC, I am filled with hope even during my darkest days, and I have the confidence to carry through on my journey of faith.
listener in Jiangxi, China

In your prayer time, please remember the cost of electricity we have to pay - we have been paying up to 50cents kW/hr. This is a real concern for us as we are facing the fact we may have to cut our broadcast hours, and we don't want to do this. We are losing one of our engineers, who has been here since 1991. We would value prayer for replacement engineers, as this only leaves 2 engineers.

Thank you again for your prayers and your giving, enabling us to help bring "Christ to the World By Radio."

As a final comment, we are really looking forward to Aaron & Jessica's visit in October!

Owen Irene

September, 2008