

# Badjao Tribal Mission

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"...People from every nation, tribe, people, Language standing before the throne of God..." Rev 7:9

Dear Friends

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We just want to thank God for His goodness to us. We also want to thank God that even though this was a major time of catastrophe, we in the Philippines were spared from any harm as a result of the Tsunami.

The biggest highlight this last year was the 26 people that made a public confession for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ when they decided to follow him through the waters of baptism. One of the Ladies that were baptized came from a rather strong M family.

## Church

Our church attendance during December all of a sudden just jumped. Before our regular attendance was between 60 to 70 people but in December without any special service it jumped to over 90 people. At first we thought it was just for one Sunday but it has continued now for three Sundays in a row. Please pray with us that God will, through his Holy Spirit, bring conviction of sin in the hearts of these people.



Baptism candidates after the baptism

## Camp

We thank wonderful camp that we had this year also. In the past we opened the camp to who ever want to attend and sometimes the people who came have no interest in God and just want to have a good time away from their situation. This year the church leaders decided to limit the camp to only the regular church goers. The spirit was very different during the camp and the people followed the instructions with out any problems. The M lady that was baptized wanted her whole family to attend the camp and we allowed the whole family to come. The highlight for me was on Sunday when her husband in repentance also bowed he is knees before Jesus Christ and now he is also attending church regularly.



A early morning devotion at the camp.

## Future plans

One of the things that God has laid on our hearts is to focus on the training of lay leaders over the next 18 months or so. In order to do that we are planning to have modular weekly classes to teach the lay leaders for one week at a time. The vision is to bring in several lay leaders from the different Badjao churches in our region for one week training and then send them back to their churches to apply what they have learned. Then every 6 weeks we want to bring them back for another week of intensive training. Because most of these churches are too poor we would have to sponsor their transportation and the support of their families since they are also the daily breadwinners in their families.

### Prayer Requests

1. Pray for the 14 people who made a public testimony of their new faith in Jesus so that they will continue to follow Jesus.
2. Pray also for our new leadership training program that we will be able to train several lay leaders from several Badjao communities.
3. Pray for Molo, the chieftain in Cebu. He is becoming very difficult again

We wish you all a Wonderful New Year full of God's grace and blessings.

God Bless

Petrus and Chunghee Vercueil and the children, Johan, Anna and Tina