



Joy in the Philippines after 2 years

Serving families so they can continue to build the kingdom of God



Where?

Mindanao

Davao

Marfori Heights -



Philippines

Luzon

Manila



Quezon City

South China Sea

Cebu City

Malaysia

Sabah

Mindanao

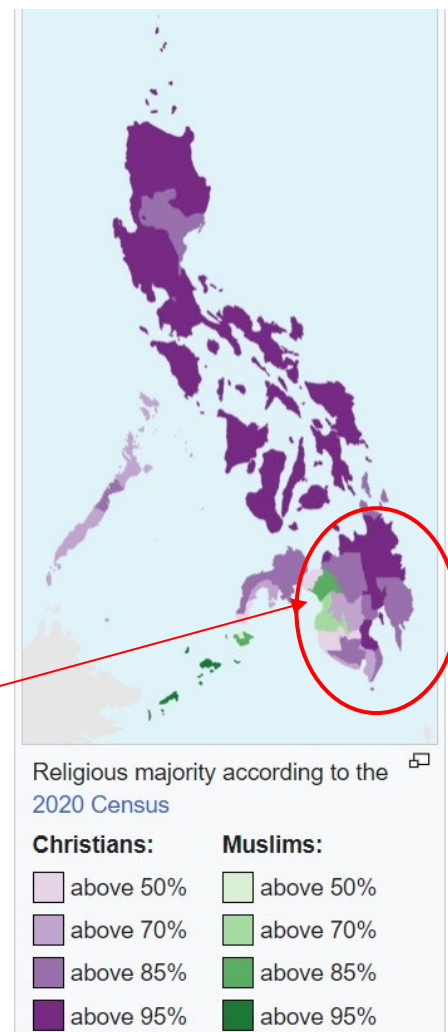
Davao

50 km

STEP MAP



Mindanao Island



Philippines gets ready
for Muslim Mindanao
autonomy by 2025

Davao City eyed as Muslim
- friendly destination

Why Davao Philippines

Faith International Academy (FIA)

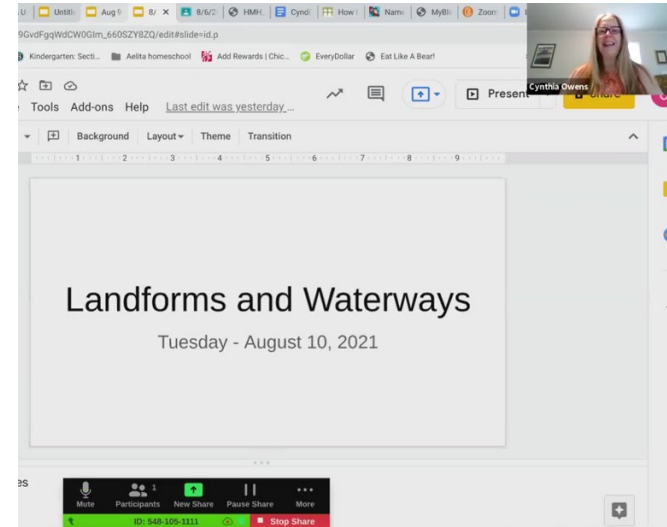
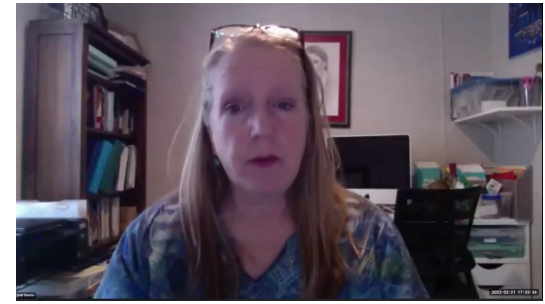


K - 12th Grade

Established to education the children of missionaries serving in Davao so that students no longer had to board in Manilla for an Christian-based, English language school

How I came to know FIA

- Karissa Pattison - High School Lead teacher at FIA returned to the U.S. due to Covid to stay with her sister Kalani
- We all spent time together crafting and talking about Karissa work in the Philippines
- When Karissa returned to the Philippines, she discovered that they needed a High School Social Studies Teacher and asked if I would be willing to teach online.
- Feb - March 2023 - I traveled to Davao to meet my graduating Seniors and visit with Karissa but I was adamant I was not going to move to Davao to teach!!!



REMEMBER ZOOM
EVERYTHING!

Plans of God vs. plans of woman - Spring 2023

- Renewal of a desire to teach in the classroom
- Extreme shortage of teachers
- Apply for 5 different school district for a social studies position
- Prayed nightly for God to provide me with a classroom to teach in.
- Felt absolutely secure that God was going to give me a classroom
- By May 1st, not a single opening in Social Studies in 5 different district, one principal said she had never seen anything like it.
- Realized that God had given me a classroom, I just had to go to it.
- June 2023 signed contract to teach at FIA and presented my mission to our church, who funded all my setup cost in the Philippines

My job has always been my mission - Share Christ with my students through my speech and actions in the classroom



Extra Curricular



My mission in the Philippines at FIA - to help students grow in their Christian walk

God's Big Story - OE

Jesus is found throughout the bible.
God's story has always been about the salvation of His people.
God can use anyone, especially those who seem the least likely to be chosen

I was privilege to be able to share the evening message on Tuesday and Thursday. I was way outside my comfort zone as I am not the most studious bible scholar but I truly feel that God gave me the words to speak those evenings



Community Fellowship Nazarene Church - Davao



Supporting CFCN Youth



Sponsoring teens to NYC
Micronesia

Teen Inv FIA

Supporting CFCN Pastor and family



Ma'a Cemetery Community

Approximately 8000 people live in the community as squatters. The cemetery is public land so they have used various building materials to build homes in and around the

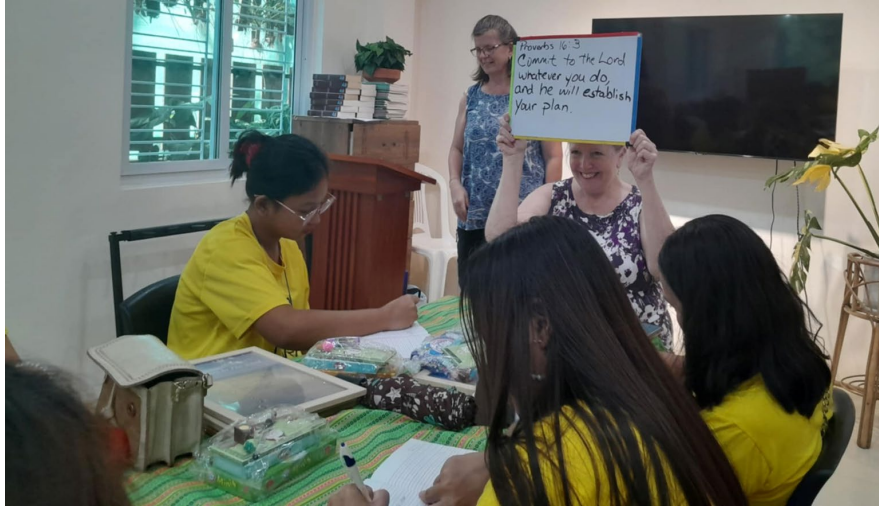


Kangaroo Book Club (KBC)

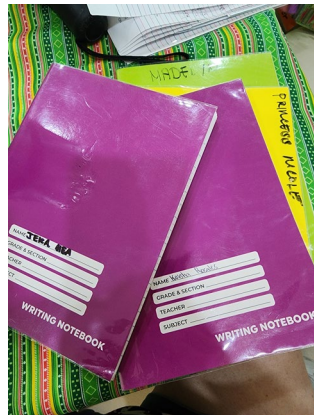
- Using books to reach into schools by providing libraries even in predominantly Muslim communities
- Sunday afternoon Bible story time
- Providing educational funds for students who attend Sunday Afternoon Bible story and memorize bible verses.
- Built a education center at the edge of Ma'a so children and teens can walk to center.
- M



Share the joy of Jesus Christ with the Ma'a girls



Notebooks for bible student and prayer request



What your generous support allowed me to do

Provide Pastor Seth Cacho and his wife with finances to go to Pastor's conference and provide several family outings for dinner and fun

Provide the Ma'a teens with outings, food and safe activities at the center

May 2024 - Island Getaway



Continuing support allowed more joy to spread



Transportation
Admission
Dinner
For all KBC teens
May 2025



What this experience has taught me about myself and my relationship with God

God has a plan and it will be fulfilled! We are always useful to God

How we respond to the sorrows and difficulties of our life can help others find joy in Christ in difficult situations. I was given so many different opportunities to share what I now called My Testimony of Hope! - We must be bold to share!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

The Lord will make each one of us overflow with blessing in such a way that there will not be room enough to receive it (Malachi 3:10)

Other Fun things seen in and around Davao





Becoming Famous - the face of tourism in Davao



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3.7M tourists visit Davao City in past three years

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Davao City has reached great milestone with an impressive 3.7 million tourist arrivals from 2022 to 2024.

  2K 51 comments 125 shares

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“Ber” months of Christmas

Christmas decorations and music
for

SeptemBER

OctoBER

NovemBER

DecemBER

And you thought 3-4 weeks of
Christmas songs were bad!



I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow
-1Corinthians 3:6

Prayer Request:

- God will continue to touch the hearts and grow the young minds in knowledge and wisdom at FIA
- God will use the ministries of the missionaries to reach the people of Davao
- The children of Ma'a will continue to grow in strength and knowledge of Christ
- The Ma'a girls will continue in the hope and joy of salvation in Christ Jesus

