

June 2017

# Trevor's Ministry Update

Greetings! These last several weeks have been really busy as we wrapped up the school year here at Faith Academy!

## Ministry Fundraiser

One highlight of the fourth quarter in the Middle School Division at Faith was our Ministry Fundraising week! Our students worked hard to raise money for the ministry of a local pastor here in the Philippines. Most years, we raise between P25,000 (\$700) to P60,000 (\$1600). This year the students raised an impressive P114,000 (\$3052)! In celebration we had a free afternoon in which students got to watch movies, play games, eat ice cream, and dunk water on their teachers' heads. The MSD principal also dressed up in a chicken suit!



The MSD Principal with some of my Grade 6 students

## Wrapping Up the School Year

Classes in Middle School ended on May 31<sup>st</sup> with class parties and award ceremonies on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have mixed feelings about it ending. On the one hand, I am really going to miss these kids. Teaching them was sometimes a lot of work but it was also a joy and I loved seeing them learn and grow in their faith. On the other hand, I am glad to be done my first semester of teaching and to have a couple months to prepare and rest before I start up again.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for my students over the summer. While I will not be teaching my grade 6 students next year, I hope to be able to continue to spend time with them and disciple them.
- Many of the staff at Faith are leaving this year to go on furlough. Others are leaving permanently as God calls them to different ministries, either here in Asia or in their home countries. Please pray for them as they adjust to life outside of Faith.
- Faith Academy is still in need of more staff for next year. Please pray that God provides more teachers and administrative staff over the summer.
- Please pray for new and returning staff who are coming to Faith Academy next year, especially those who still need financial support.
- Please pray that God continues to work through and in me this summer, prepares me for next year, and provides opportunities to continue to minister to his people here.



This year Faith Academy celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

## What Now?

Classes resume in August, so I have two months without classes. While many people go home to their sending countries over the summer, as it is my first year I will be staying here in the Philippines. However, I do have a lot of plans for things that will keep me busy during this time:

- **Preparing for Classes** – Next year I will be teaching two periods of Grade 6 Bible again as well as three periods of Grade 11 Bible. The first semester of Grade 11 Bible is “Doctrine and Apologetics” and the second semester is “Christian Living.” I plan to spend a significant amount of my summer reading and preparing lesson plans for these classes.
- **Language Learning** – One of the other teachers at Faith has offered to teach me Korean over the summer. While the local language here is Tagalog, there are many Korean students at Faith and I realized that, for now, learning Korean will be more helpful for my ministry. I hope to have two language learning sessions each week.
- **Exploring the Philippines** – As I’ve been so busy with classes this past year, I’ve had little time to travel. In fact, I’ve only left Manila once! I hope to have opportunities this summer to get to explore the Philippines a bit more.

## Want to Join My Support Team?

If you would like to partner with me financially, you can do so on my support website at:

<https://give.teachbeyond.org/support/trevor-loken>. You can also mail a cheque to TeachBeyond at:

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If supporting me by cheque please include a note indicating that it is a gift for Trevor Loken #30198. If you intend on supporting me monthly, please include a note indicating your pledge. Support forms are also available at <https://give.teachbeyond.org>.



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