



Pastor Steve

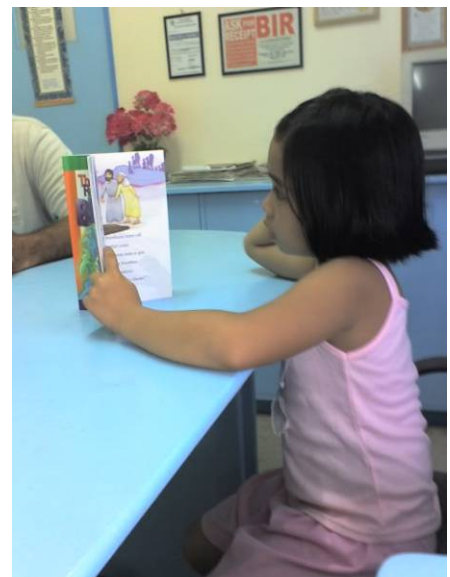
Wheeler arrived three days before the scheduled STEP seminar.

This gave him an opportunity to visit several church planters in the Batangas area.

Pastor Cecilio Miranda who had an accident that threatened his life met us in his office at Laurel, Batangas. He said he is already preaching but is still slow and had to watch his actions so as not to cause any complications in his healing process. It was good to visit him and encourage him. His love to minister to the Laurel church never diminished even after the setback.



He then visited Lyka, the little girl whose picture was featured in the White Fields newsletter. Pastor Steve gave her a children's book which Lyka readily shared with the child of Pastor Cecil. Pastor Cecil will not be able to join the conference because of his condition but asked that he be given the books.





The following day (Sept. 9), we visited Pastor and Mrs. Manuel Mayo.

Pastor Mayo has a serious health concern that is threatening his life. Doctors found out that he has a tumor in his liver. We thought he just had a case of high blood pressure but it turned out to be a worse diagnosis.

After the worship service, Pastor Mayo seemed to say farewell to his flock. His church has been affected by his health. The attendance has gone down caused by some internal problems brought about by one leader who became a stumbling block to new believers.

Pastor Steve encouraged The congregation through the preaching of

the word of God.



The next stop we did was to visit one of the alumni in the province of Batangas, Pastor Rolex Escal. We were glad to meet Lai and their young son for whom they prayed for a long time (7 years) before he was conceived. Their ministry has also been affected by trials and is just recovering. We invited Pastor Rolex to join the conference in place of Pastor Manuel Mayo. Encouragement was the goal of our visit and it proved very timely for these three pastors and their churches. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and ministry with the church planters.

