

Prayer
Concerns

Please pray for:

- Opportunities to share the gospel and to begin having evangelistic Bible studies in the homes of friends.
- Our family here and at home in the US.
- Our vehicle in the US to sell.

Thank God for:

- Continued progress in language learning.
- Safety as we have been traveling and during the attempted coup in July.
- The strengthening of friendships with Filipinos who seem interested in the Gospel.

Special points
of interest:

- Missionary Darlene Carey's first experience in the Philippines was as a VSM with Doyle and Linda Moore.
- Missionary Robert Murphy first came to the Philippines with a short-term missions team.
- Students have the opportunity to be a part of either a two week VSM Team missions trip, or they can apply to be a VSM for the summer (six to eight weeks) to serve with BMAA International Missionaries.

Don't Go—Unless You Want Your
Life to Change Forever - by Wade Allen

These were the words spoken to Joanna just before she left as a Volunteer Student Missionary (VSM) in 1991. She had just completed her first year of college at Central Baptist College in Conway, Arkansas, and felt that God wanted her to do something "significant" with her summer. She completed the appli-

cation for VSM and requested to be with Missionaries Doyle and Linda Moore in the Philippines—then came the arduous task of raising funds. There were many churches and individuals that contributed, and Joanna spent many nights and weekends babysitting to save money for the trip. Joanna remembers, "I

went to the Philippines not knowing what to expect. I came home after 8 weeks, but my heart stayed there. I knew at that point that God wanted me to return to the Philippines someday."

In the fall of 1991, I moved into the dorm at Central Baptist College to begin my fresh-

What are You Doing Next Summer? - by Scott Attebery

Students have been asked this question at SOAR for the past two years. Many students might answer, "baseball, vacation, swimming," etc. However, several answered that question a bit differently. They chose instead to join Team VSM to carry the gospel to the ends of the earth!

Volunteer Student Missions seeks to place six to eight high school and college students with a team leader for two weeks in the summer doing **hands-on** mission work with one of our BMA missionaries. (No vacations here!) Before the trip, students must attend a three day training called Bootcamp where they learn skills for spiritual, emotional and physical challenges that may present



VSM Bootcamp at Gary,

themselves on the mission field. Three years ago when VSM began, six students traveled to the Philippines. This year over 60 students and leaders are being sent to destinations such as Hawaii, Honduras, Cape Verde, Ghana, Ukraine and the Philippines

The objective of VSM is threefold. First, we hope to instill in our students God's passion for reaching the nations. Second, we hope to rise up a generation of future full-time missionaries by giving the students a realistic understanding of mission work and an understanding of the responsibility of every believer to carry the gospel to the nations. Third, we want to give the students an opportunity to spread God's glory to the nations on a very up-close and personal level.

You too can get involved in VSM. You can pray for our students and team leaders, missionaries and the people we will meet. We need qualified team leaders for our VSM teams. You do not have to be a minister—you just

have to have a heart for the lost and for the youth of our nation. For more information about VSM, you can contact Jenni Johnson, VSM Director, at (870) 231-5376 or online at www.bma-dcm.org.

So, what are you doing next summer?

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Our Vision

In seeking God's direction, we believe that He has given us a vision to . . .

- Plant churches among un-reached peoples of the Philippines.
- Equip those churches to plant new churches.
- Encourage them to work together to reach out with the gospel beyond their national boundaries.
- Network together with other BMA fields in Asia to carry the gospel throughout Southeast Asia and the South Pacific..

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Don't Go—Unless You Want Your Life to Change Forever (Cont'd)

men year. The next evening, Joanna and I went out on our first date. It was also that fall that I had my first experience on the mission field by going with my father on a work crew to Mexico. As Joanna and I continued to date, we began to talk about our future plans and she shared with me her desire to be a missionary. I loved being on the mission field! So to better seek God's will, I also applied to be a



Missionary Darlene Carey with VSM team members and Filipinos.

us together to better serve Him—and we felt that He would someday lead us back to serve together in the Philippines.

Last month, we were blessed to be a part of one of the VSM Team trips here to the Philippines. The team consisted of

team leaders T.J. and Jenni Johnson and team members Candi Bryan, Haley Bryan, Amber Crockett, Michelle Martin, Ashley Puckett, and Aaron Williams.

This team exhibited an excellent attitude and spirit of servanthood. It was a special treat for us to be a part of this team because two of the members, Amber and Michelle were from Joanna's home church, Antioch Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas. These two young ladies were also elementary students when I served as the children's minister at Antioch. What is even more amazing is that Michelle was one of the children Joanna spent time babysitting in order to raise money for her VSM trip twelve years ago. Ironically, Michelle raised much of her funds in the same way. I wonder if one of those children will be a future Volunteer Student Missionary?



Missionary Doyle Moore with VSM team leaders, Bro. T.J. Johnson and his wife, Jenni.