

Subject: FW: Neues aus Bohol und Besuch in die Schweiz

Dear friend,

We hope that you are well, happy and healthy!

There is a lot to report about this month:

STEPS preschool graduations: On March 16, 2019, we held our STEPS graduation for the 49 preschoolers of the Bellevue Family Mission. During the 10 months they learned to read, write their names, recognize phonics, shapes, colors, numbers and animals, and much more. This is our 7th STEPS preschool graduation in Bohol, with the first one held in 2012! Here you can find a video of the STEPS graduation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwkDSx8ydGQ>



On March 30, the new STEPS preschool in Catarman in Northern Samar, held their graduation ceremony. After only 4 weeks of teaching, the preschoolers already learned to read books 1 and 2 of our 12 step Early Bird reader course!



STEPS Carmen in Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao: The STEPS pre-school children in the municipality of Carmen in Cagayan de Oro are already quite advanced in their reading skills. Convince yourself here (the link leads to our videos on Youtube) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgPhC54WOqI> und https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wn_3YNo7hIQ

Small Beginnings in Tagapul-An, Western Samar

Tagapul-an is a small island off Calbayog on the west coast of Samar Island. There are no roads, and often there is no electricity. People move by boat from place to place. In March 2019 we started a new STEPS program there with only a few children. The lessons take place on weekends.



Graduation of STEPS teacher Joyjoy

After 5 years, Joyjoy successfully finished her teacher training. Joyjoy lived this time with us and also helped us in the STEPS preschool here. She is the sister of Sielyn; Sielyn and her husband work with us here in the mission, and both are a great help to Manny and me.



from left:
Sielyn, parents
Noel und Elsie,
Joyjoy with boy
friend James

Before we finish our newsletter, Manny and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all your trust and your help! Without you many of the above mentioned projects would not be possible! We wish you all the best, and greet you warmly and wish God's blessing on you and your family,

Manny, Eveline, Joel und Team