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## Mountains to Climb

Dear friends and family,

Has God given you any mountains to climb in your life?

Recently the Lord gave me the privilege to minister with a GDM Missions team in the Philippines. On the island of Palawan we had a mountain to climb; Mt. Tatandayan. I had not climbed a mountain in over 20 years! We climbed the mountain to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to a village near the top of the mountain. The two days spent on the mountain taught me many things. First, I needed to trust God - *"For with God nothing shall be impossible"* (Luke 1:37). There were times that I didn't think I would make it to the top, but with God's



Crossing the river

help I did. Second, God always sends someone to strengthen us and encourage us when we're climbing

a mountain in our lives. My "right-hand" man was a young man whose name is Romiel. He was "assigned" to me at the bottom of the mountain and he never left my side. When he knew that the path was rocky or steep he would put out his hand for me to strengthen me and to steady me. The third thing was that after making the 2½ hour hike up the mountain I saw the beauty of God's creation in a way that I have never seen it before. *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork"* (Psalms 19:1). I don't think that any of us will ever forget our time on Mt. Tatandayan. Finally, I realized that the mountains (real or imagined) in our lives are nothing to God. He knows what your

mountains are and He knows what my mountains are, and He gives us the strength to conquer those mountains.

The people on Mt. Tatandayan were very receptive to the gospel and they understood that we had climbed "their" mountain to tell them about God's love for them. Many people heard the gospel and many lives were changed on Mt. Tatandayan. It was worth every bit of effort we made, and it taught us all a few things along the way. Do you have any mountains in your life? God can give you the strength to climb them. Do you know someone that you can help up the mountain that is in their life today? Hold your hand out to that person who is in need, and be an encouragement.

Please continue to pray for GDM Missions that God will guide us and direct us every step of the way to the places that He wants us to serve Him. Thank you for your faithful support and prayers.

In Christian love,

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Filipino children

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