

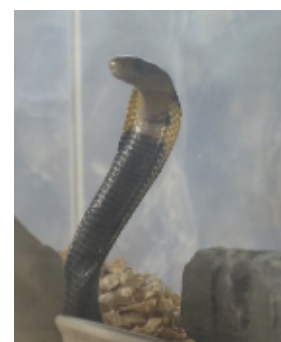
Simeon's Christmas Update

Our prayer gatherings are growing after starting very small - they have grown to **100 plus!** Once a month many churches come together to worship and cry out to God that he would bless the coming tour. Pastor Marinias is a great pastor who is leading the prayer movement in Tagum city. Please pray protection over him as he is a key figure whom God is using greatly within the prayer movement.

Local link training sessions have begun. The training will help many of those who will lead the new believers to Jesus. The local links are responsible for taking details and continuing to follow new believers up after the events. We have seen great numbers so far come forward but many more are needed, we've had training events with attendance of up to **200 people**. More training sessions are planned and many more volunteers will be needed for the thousands who will attend the tour events. As with any mission the local links are really the backbone to making a lasting difference to those who inquire, so please pray for more workers.



The Garretts are coming!!! Is that good for the Philippines or bad? I'll leave that for you to decide. It's going to be an amazing time, have no worries I'll give them a few awesome stories to bring back to you. If they come back and haven't tried chicken intestines I will deem my efforts a failure! I'm sure we will have an amazing time together, but it is very strange that I'm the responsible one, please pray for safe travel as we travel around the islands.



Cobra!! If you visited my Facebook page you will know our team caught a cobra outside our house a few weeks back, which was very exciting, in a scary way. Sadly, to all you wildlife enthusiasts, Fred met an abrupt end after being an interesting house guest for a few days.

Be great to see you!! Churches are usually great at inviting people home and so we, in classic Filipino style, love doing the same. We have built some great relationships with a local church and they all love coming to our place for a meal. They have an English man in the church and his wife cooks macaroni cheese and fish and chips! GLORIOUS! (No rice!) It's amazing how food continues to be such an aid to building meaningful relationships with the body of Christ.



My first hot Christmas! As I spend my first Christmas in the Philippines I hope you all have a special time with loved ones, and as you celebrate in temperatures of around **1 Celsius** us Garretts will try and put up with temperatures of around **35 Celsius!** I look forward to 2012 with much excitement and expectation; I look forward to sharing with you about lives changed. So may I wish you a very merry Christmas and every blessing for 2012

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