



FIRST TIME EXCITEMENT



Incubator to increase laying hens. Quail eggs – different colours. Mongo beans planted. Deaf Group: Arnold, EB, Arnie, Marlon, Edwin

Since we last wrote we have had 5 exciting things to praise God for: (1) Edwin's hens finally started laying (after 5 months of waiting). There have been a few set-backs for him but his eggs are in high demand. Please pray that they will all become healthy again. The new chicks are due to hatch this week. (2) Emelina's quail started to lay just before Easter. These are also selling well once people know what they taste like. She has now started to repay part of her set-up costs which is great! (3) Our "worm house" is finally operational. Their excrement is used for fertilizer. Marlon, who came in Feb. from Bacolod, has been helping with restoration of the land. He moved over a 100 wheel barrels of dirt to cover the water pipes and planted mongo beans. The ground is so dry and hard, a local caribao could not make even a dent – have to wait for the rains to start in June. Marlon came for a "trial basis" to see if this is where he wants to live and work. Pray that he will decide 'yes' as he is a big asset. (4) Val has a new full time Christian helper, Jane. She has been a blessing already and even helped with the pig slaughter! (5) Arnold's first pig to be killed on site – the pictures will explain some of the details. Enjoy!



Nice little piggy...going to the 'butchers'



Pig is stunned first, then killed & bled



Hot water poured over to remove hair



Innards removed – Jane held the blood



Lunch time & siesta for all, even piggy



Pig cut up, sold or made into sausage

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST - PICD was recently told that the dorm in Bacolod may have to close. One reason is that they don't have a Social Worker on staff. We have been praying for this need for more than a year and just this week a potential applicant sent Doug his resume. This man is not available until July but is licensed which is very important. PICD has a board meeting on April 26 at which time they will be discussing this matter. Also on the agenda will be the finances for this position (which don't exist yet). April 22-25 is PICD'S annual summer camp. Then the leaders and staff will come here for 3 nights (as a thank you). We expect an additional 10 deaf visitors on-site!! Thanks again. Doug & Val