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We finished up with EOTEM part of church construction in Lipunan Tubi-Allah, Mindanao Philippines. The Pastor is Ronie Resonar. Church members will now finish up minor building details. Since typical PI weather is 95 F open areas of ceilings and wall sides are necessary. Material for buildings is a tossup when it comes to pricing metal, store bought wood, or concrete for major posts and building structure. It all depends on several things: (1)

cost of materials and (2) ability to transport materials to remote areas. The price of metal/concrete block column support is cheaper now than wood.

The names of the Philippine locations are sometimes amusing. This village is named "Tubi-Allah". Roughly translated that means "*Allah can have the Tubi.*" Tubi (also called Tuba) is an alcoholic drink gathered by placing a bamboo cup in a coconut tree, catching the liquid from cut shoots, and allowing it to naturally ferment. Gathering it is dangerous: it requires the imbiber to scale the 50-80 ft tree barefooted and make it back down without spilling it (or drinking it!).

Although paper plates are used at most church "eating meetings", this couple folds the plate like a banana leaf, and eat with the best utensils,—their fingers, just like they eat every day in their nipa hut.

Thank you for prayers and support,

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