

Steeles in Mission: Rev. Dr. Walter Steele: Theological Educator & Robyn Steele: Deaconess Intern Serving the Lord in Mission to Asia.



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Newest News & Prayers

July will find the Steeles on Home Service. Our schedule so far is as follows:

-June: Regional Gathering

-July 1: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Indianapolis IN

-July 5: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne IN

-July 12: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Smithfield RI

-July 19: First Lutheran Church, Boston MA

-July 26: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Westminster MA

-July 27-29: Teaching Continuing Education at Our Savior, Westminster MA



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Graduation!



Faculty, Staff and Students

Graduation exercises for the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio were held on June 1st on the seminary campus. Our graduates received their diplomas, having earned their Bachelor of Theology.

In addition to the graduates, the second-year students received their vicarage assignments and the first-year students were assigned their summer fieldwork.

A major emphasis of both the vicarage and the fieldwork is in evangelistic outreach. One of our graduates has been assigned to Hong Kong, for outreach to the expatriate Filipinos working there. He will be joined by a returning vicar, who will serve there until August, when the new academic years begins.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to serve here and to see these students formed into faithful servants of Christ. We look forward to hearing from the students who return in August about what they have learned and experienced.

In August Walter will be teaching five classes and Robyn will be teaching courses with the deaconess students.

In Christ,

Walter

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Graduation brings the Community Together



The Centerpiece

A favorite party food in the Philippines is Luzon Lechon—suckling pig, which has been slow-roasted over an open charcoal fire, served with sweet and tangy liver sauce.

The meat is tender, flavorful and juicy. But the prized portion is the crackling skin, which is blistered and crispy.

Serving as the centerpiece on the table is the head of the pig, surrounded by the side dishes of rice, pancit (a noodle dish with vegetables) and even fried chicken or fish.

This is not a typical everyday meal. It is for special occasions like graduations.

In Christ's care,

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Gathering together to celebrate special occasions is part of life here. It is important to life together in the Philippine Islands. The graduation exercises this year gathered, not only families of the graduates, vicars, and fieldworkers, but also a large number of the pastors and deaconesses that serve in the Lutheran Church in the Philippines.

After the graduation worship and ceremony, tables of delicious food were spread and enjoyed. People stayed for hours in honor of the graduates, enjoying one another's company in the spirit of Christian fellowship.

I wish you could have experienced it. While all graduations are special, there is something wonderfully unique here in Baguio.

In Christ,

Walter

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