GARDEN OF EDEN
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September 2012

ACTIVITY IN THE GARDEN

Greenhouse of Bamboo and Nets

We have been disturbed by some insects, worms and diseases on our vegetable beds for some times. Even though we spray agricultural chemicals on the beds to prevent those garden destroyers, they kept coming to the vegetable beds and spoiling them. We hope that the greenhouse will be a good place to do farm work and produce good vegetables.

Expanding playground

There was a playground for the turkeys beside the shed where we keep animals and their food, and then we expanded it. Now the playground is much bigger than it was.

Planting Crops

We have planted some maize and sweet-potatoes. Bro. Oscar says that planting sweet potatoes covers the land and keeps the soil in good shape during heavy rain. The garden has an incline of some degrees especially behind the chapel. Bro. John enjoys planting Kamote (sweet potato); it’s one of his favorite foods.

BRO. DENNIS SCHMITZ’S VISIT & LUNCH OUT

Bro. Dennis came to visit us on September 14, 2012 and stayed with us for two days. On Saturday the whole Novitiate community, along with Bro. Dennis, went out to the Resort located near the Novitiate.

We had lunch there and enjoyed walking around some places in the Resort.
On Sunday, September 16, 2012 there was a gathering of the branches of the Marianist Family present in Davao. The Marianist Brothers, Novices, and Aspirants, with the members of MLC Philippines, gathered to welcome Bro. Dennis at the Santa Ana Community in Davao.

After celebrating Mass of the most Holy Name of Mary we shared dinner at the community. Jeovani, the aspirant who sits next to Bro. Tim, cooked some Filipino food and prepared the dinner for us. It was delicious!

SOME OTHERS

The Spanish couple, Mr. Sacha and Ms. Aida who are friends of Fr. Pablo visited us from Spain on Friday, September 28, and stay with us for several days. They are just got married couple and on their honeymoon in Philippines.

We painted on the wooden ceiling in the chapel with special paint to prevent insects and to be long last in good condition on humidity when rain comes.