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I've definitely been staying busy with all sorts of different things going on. Working in the clinic, Pathfinders, a move, and new responsibilities.

To begin with I realized I haven't really given a good explanation of what work in the clinic is like so I'll try to do that now. A normal day consists of worship, cleaning, filing, checking off equipment and of course seeing patients. Patients wait on the clinic porch while we assess pts and then come up with a treatment plan for them using prior experience, *The Village Medical Manual* and our protocol book. We stitch up wounds, treat various sicknesses like Malaria and bad respiratory infections, give out birth control medicine, and prepack medicine for a few chronic patients. Sometimes it's really busy and we have enough patients to keep four team members busy and other times we might get two patients all day. To sum up though it's been a great experience learning to serve patients at the Kemantian clinic and you never know what you might get next on the porch.

Moving on, I've still been privileged to continue working with Pathfinders. Right now I'm getting ready to teach the basic rescue honor. I've also helped teaching a few pathfinders some of the knot tying honor as well.

The newest development for me has been that I am no longer in Kemantian. I recently moved back to the beautiful little village of Merma' where I stayed for two weeks when I came to the mountains for the first time. Life is fun and definitely doesn't get old. Myself and a native missionary family are the only missionaries now on this still very new mission project. (I think they've only been here for a little over a year). Everything is just a little bit harder here so it keeps me on my toes 😊. I've got new responsibilities and the trails are the sort that you dare not make a bad mistake on if you want to live. I also cook over a fire now and try to make the cat understand I don't want a headless rat in my house and the chickens understand that my rice isn't for them! I'm thankful for the challenges though because challenges necessitate finding solutions and that means learning.

My new jobs here are doctor and assistant schoolteacher. We have a one room school with around twenty students that we teach basic reading, writing, arithmetic and English. As the medical person here it is intimidating but I'm marching on one patient at a time with the Lord's help. I figured out very quickly that it's one thing to work in a clinic it's a completely different proposition to "be" the clinic. 😊 As far as patients that I've had it has been reasonably similar to back in Kemantian just with much stronger evidence of no prior medical help. When there's no work to be done I play with my friends here, have worship with them, go hiking or just hang out.

Well hopefully that gives you another glimpse into my life here on the island of Palawan. If you have any questions or would like to hear more about something please feel free to ask anytime. Also please pray for the Palawan people to come to know their Savior, that I can be a blessing to them and that I will make the right decisions for my patients.