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The New
Mount Joy College
Training Center
(MJCTC)

OUR FIRST TRAINING WAS HELD AT THE NEW MJCTC

For those who don't yet know, the **MJCTC** is our recently opened **Mount Joy College Training Center**. It is also called Suwana House after Suwana Akrapongpisak from Bangkok who is one of our partner investors.

The MJCTC is a 3-story structure with single and double accommodations for 15 trainees. It has a lounge, large dining room, and spacious conference room/chapel and modern office all in lovely varnished wood. There are 2 fireplaces, 3 wide decks and magnificent views of the Pacific Ocean, forested hills and the snow clad mountains of the Olympic Peninsula. It is surrounded by meadows with many species of wild flowers, walks to ponds and views on 59 hectares. Only seeing is believing, so you must plan a visit soon.

We thank God for His amazing provision of resources, expert labour, prayer and volunteer labour. In particular, we thank our partner investors, skilled carpentry, especially Allan and Diane Ogilvy, Mel Hoskyn and Mark, Marie, Barnabas, Orpah and her whirlwind gang of Filipinas who cleaned house

from top to bottom the day before our first training there.

Although we had invited our trainees to come and enjoy the sunshine and spring flowers, at Orpah's request, God sent us a very unusual fall of snow. As you can see, the snow provided a unique introduction to Canada for 2 bright ladies from Argentina and a most enjoyable opportunity to pelt Orpah with snowballs.

The first training course at MJCTC went well although the building had yet to heat up and people wore extra clothes for the first few days. Philip enjoyed teaching our first 7 trainees in the lovely surroundings, Marie and Orpah were facilitators, Marie also cooked, making some of her best of the famous home made soups. Barnabas cut and carried wood, Jenny and Dwayne kept house and Christian planted flowers, just before the snow fell. God willing, the MJCTC will mainly be used to train Hope Alive counselors, supervisors and trainers. There will also be week long seminars in raising children, addictions.