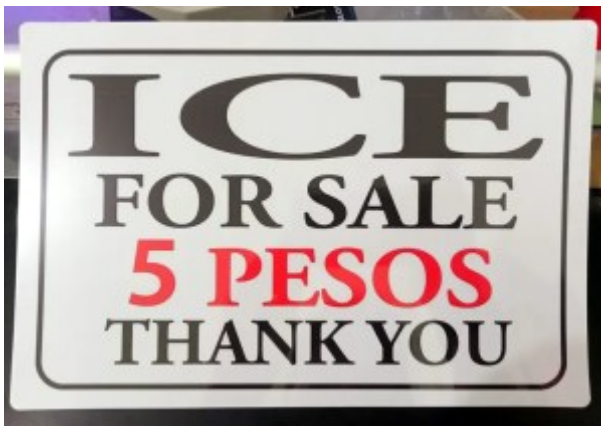


Scenes of the Philippines



There are [photos below the text.](#)

On Friday, June 21st, I turned 74 years old. I'm thankful to my Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ, for reasonably good health at my age, normal blood pressure, no arthritis, and no diabetes as my father had, and for being completely off medication of any kind. And I'm *especially* blessed to have a ministry of sharing God's truth, His Word, and the true views that Protestant Christians used to hold before the Counter-Reformation of the Jesuits sidetracked evangelical Christians. And I'm super-blessed to have friends who value my work and the articles on this website. And I'm blessed to have a wonderful wife who supports my ministry. And I'm blessed to live in a land of peace and liberty with no crime in my area that I know of, a land where little kids walk the streets without danger of being abducted. It never gets cold but doesn't get too hot either because of the proximity of the sea. I hardly see police anywhere. I see only armed guards at entrances to banks and any establishment where there is a lot of cash or goods at hand.

The Philippines is still a poor country as are many Roman Catholic nations. Signs advertising ice for sale are ubiquitous and are indicative of its poverty. We sell our neighbors ice for about 10 US cents a bag and use the money to buy filtered drinking water which costs roughly only USD 0.50 per 5 gallons. Our next-door neighbors do not have either a refrigerator or a stove. They cook outside over a wood fire. They do have a phone, however. A phone is the one appliance nobody seems to lack. They connect to the Internet through what's called Piso WiFi. Put a 5 peso coin (about USD 0.10) in the slot and you get one hour of Internet. Haircuts are only about \$1.00 or 60 Philippine pesos. I always give them more than they ask or about 100 pesos. This is still 7 times less than I would pay in Guam.

Households owning appliances:

Television 75%

Refrigerator/Freezer 50%

Washing machine 49.2%

Radio 35.4%

Aircon 16.1%

Stove with oven/gas range 14.2%

Microwave/oven toaster 10.5%

Source: [Percentage distribution of households in the Philippines owning home appliances in 2022, by type](#)

Photos of my area in the Philippines



Caba Beach near sunset



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Imaga White Sand Beach sign



Imaga White Sand Beach sign.



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Children walking on the main road to town.



Elementary school graduation ceremony.



A typical village road.



A poor family's house



A rich family's house



Near Caba Beach



Near Caba Beach



Wedding at Imaga White Sand Beach



Imaga White Sand Beach rocks in the background.