



THE BEEBES

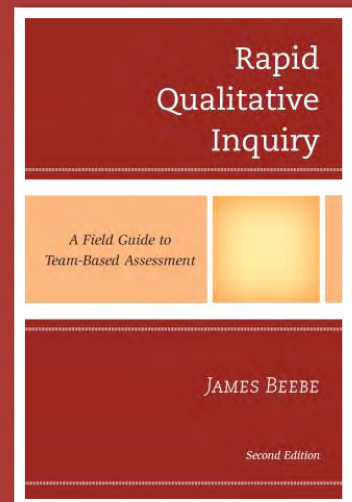
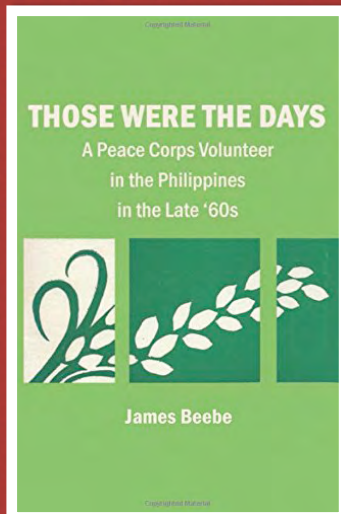
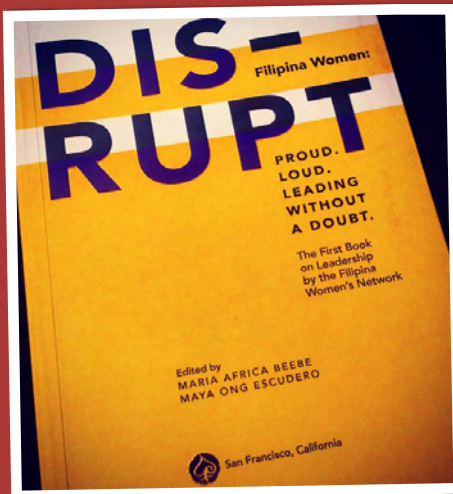


Our third chapter: Retirement

Christmas and Chanukah gifts came early in 2014. David and Elisa gave us another apo (grandchild) - River Lily born on October 14. We celebrated James' 68th birthday in Wayland and spent most of November dancing River to Paru-parong Bukid (a Philippine folksong) and cooking adobo for Jaxon.

James completed the second edition of his *Rapid Qualitative Inquiry* <<http://rapidqualitativeinquiry.com/>> available at Rowman & Littlefield. James also finished in record time *Those Were the Days: a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines in the Late '60s*, available at Amazon and Kindle. Maria co-edited,

with Maya Ong Escudero, a book about Filipina global leadership which was launched in Manila at the Filipina Women's Network summit in October <<http://www.filipinaleadership.org/>>. It will be on Amazon and Kindle.



Retirement and then some

We are enjoying our retirement and following Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot's book on *Third Chapter Passion, Risk, and Adventure in the 25 Years After 50*. Maria continues to do consulting work with the Afghanistan Research and Education Network. James is waiting for final approval to do a senior Fulbright in the Philippines.

Ligaya and Steve continue to work with Shambala Foundation's Orphanage Without Walls program (OWW). It is a poverty alleviation program that focuses on education as the best route to sustainable gains in quality of life. OWW currently has 530 direct beneficiaries and thousands of indirect beneficiaries in Qinghai Province, China. Direct beneficiaries are school-aged children who face different obstacles accessing education - financial, cultural, geographical, etc. OWW provides direct financial support that helps keep these kids in school, runs trainings to educate families about returns to education, runs financial literacy trainings for families, provides material goods at fair costs, provides free school materials, and runs holiday camps for the kids that focus on maintaining their motivation and expanding their horizons.

Books for Jaxon

Maria is most proud of the books she wrote for Jaxon based on family photos and lived experiences. The latest one is *When I was a Baby* in part to remind Jaxon that when he was a baby he acted - well like a baby and that baby River can not yet do what he can do as a toddler. Maria wrote *Lolo & Lola Visit Ligaya in China* based on our visit to Ligaya & Steve in Daly in Feb 2014, *Aloha, Jaxon Kai Beebe* based on our trip to the Big Island in March, and *My Name is Jaxon Kai Beebe* about his favorite people and things to do when he and his parents visited us in Portland in July 2014.



DAVID & ELISA & JAXON & RIVER

DAVID IS DOING A LESLEY UNIVERSITIES COLLABORATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM WHERE HE IS ALSO TEACHING AS A TEACHER IN RESIDENCE AT BELMONT DAY PRIVATE SCHOOL. ELISA CONTINUES TO WORK AS A SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST AT THE WESLEYAN SCHOOL DISTRICT.



LIGAYA & STEVE

LIGAYA AND STEVE CONTINUE TO ENJOY SEEING THE SIGHTS IN CHINA. LIGAYA WRITES THAT FOR THEIR FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY THEY SPENT A BEAUTIFUL LONG WEEKEND IN SHAXI, YUNNAN WHERE THEY HIKE UP ABOUT A THOUSAND STEPS TO SEE A REALLY INTERESTING TEMPLE ON A MOUNTAIN CALLED SHIBAO SHAN. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR VISIT IN LATE JANUARY.



JAXON & RIVER

JAXON WHO IS NOW IN HIS TERRIFIC TWOS IS AN ABSOLUTE DELIGHT. HE ENJOYS BEING A KUYA (OLDER BROTHER) TO BABY RIVER.