

APRIL - JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER

The Catalan Family

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THE PHILIPPINES



Dear Prayer Partners,

We are always thankful for your prayers and financial support for our family. The past months have been busy and eventful for our family.

With the large population in Metro Manila, we know there is a need everywhere, and you can almost plant a Church in every neighborhood. As we are seeking on the specific location where God would want us to start a Church, we have been praying for the Lord to lay a specific place on our hearts, and we believe He has. After doing surveys and after much prayer, we believe God has led us to plant a Church in the City of Taguig, Metro Manila. Taguig City is one of the first-class cities in the Philippines and where most of the Philippine professionals reside.

During our surveys, we have had opportunities to talk with some people in Taguig and have passed out Gospel tracts. We receive a lot of responses, one of the persons we had the opportunity to talk to, is our dentist whom we just started seeing for our dental needs. It was during a dental appointment, which was the longest appointment we have ever had, because we had a good and long conversation about the Gospel and Church. He has knowledge of spiritual things but associates himself with Assembly of God. He was very interested when we mentioned that we are Church planting missionaries and somewhere down the conversation he offered to us to use one of his clinics inside a mall once per week as a temporary place to gather people once we have a group of families ready to meet. We were a bit shocked at his generous offer, as it will be a great help to us down the road. His clinic is in Taguig. We are unsure if we will accept his offer as there are still other details to consider.

Please pray for him, his name is Dr. Cailles for his salvation and as we continue to build relationship with him. Please pray with and for us as we start the first stage in our City Church planting goal, our goal is to have core families that we can win with the Gospel and disciple. We are praying for at least 3 families. Please pray for us as we have been going out soulwinning and trying to build relationship with everyone we meet.

This past May my wife's parents came to visit us for two weeks, so we thoroughly enjoyed their company, especially our kids. We are thankful that they were willing to come all the way here to see us. This was a huge blessing and encouragement for our kids. Right after they left, we all got sick with the flu for two weeks. Kristin was only sick for two days, but me and the kids were sick for the whole two weeks. I am thankful that Kristin had strength to take care of all of us! Thankfully, we recovered just in time for our necessary trip out of the country to Guam. The reason we had to take this trip as we mentioned before, was because all three of our girls had one-year visas and we were required to exit before the year was up. We were gone for 4 days, and since we entered with both American and Philippine passports, we all now have Dual Citizenship Status here and can stay indefinitely. We praise the Lord for a smooth trip. We enjoyed being in American territory for a few days.

Please continue to pray for our family's health and strength as we continue to serve the Lord here in the Philippines.

Thank you for your continual prayers and financial support to us. May God continue to richly bless you!

In His Service,
John Mark & Kristin Catalan