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Missionaries to *Manila, Philippines*



October- December 2022

Praises

- 2 new Bible Study opportunities .
- We were able to order 10,000 Chick Gospel Tracts.

Prayer Requests

- That we can build a relationship with them & share the Gospel.
 - Kristin's relatives, Madelyn Vida & daughter Christine's Salvation & Bible study.
- More opportunities to connect & share the Gospel with people.
- Protection, & provision for our family.

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Firstly, we would love to wish all of you a Blessed Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

It's hard to believe that we are having our second Christmas here and we are officially one year living here in the Philippines! But compared to last year, things are much more opened and pretty much back to as normal as it can get, and we are thankful for it!

Living here in Metro Manila for 1 year now, we have learned so much about the city. We learned of several Baptist Churches that closed during the pandemic and that the population increases by hundreds of thousands each year. There is really a great need for Church planting in the city!

It has been quite busy for us the last few months. We moved into our new rental house the first week of the October. It took several weeks to get settled and get familiarized with our area. The kids have been really happy moving from a 850 sqft to a 1,500 sqft. living area, which is a decent size in Metro Manila.

After getting settled, we have been going around our communities passing out Gospel tracts and talking to people. We were able to connect with a family in our neighborhood, an 85-year-old couple and their daughter. They are business people and we can tell they are religious Roman Catholics. I (John Mark) mentioned that I'm a missionary and that God's leading in our life is to plant a church. They have promise that they will attend our church when we have our first service. Please pray for the Soratos family as we try to build a relationship with them with the purpose of reaching them with the Gospel.

We were also able to meet Kristin's distant relatives for the first time. One of our conversations was them asking us why we decided to live in the Philippines, which opened the opportunity to share what we do and why we are here in the Philippines. We are thankful that we were able to talk to them about the Gospel but because of the noisy environment we were in, we were not able to finish our conversation. But they are very interested to start a Bible study and would like to start in January. Please pray for Madelyn Vida and her daughter Christine and their families. Please pray as we start Bible study with them in January and for the salvation of each one of them.

Last month, we ordered 10,000 Gospel tracts from Chick publications to be shipped to my wife's parent's house, then they will send via balikbayan box to us here. We noticed here that when we passed out these Chick tracts, people here are curious and take time to read them. We ordered both Tagalog and English versions, so we look forward to getting those within 2-3 months. A blessing we should mention is, a local Christian ministry donated 3,000 of these Chick Tracts to us, so we are so thankful as it is difficult to find Gospel tracts here in the Philippines.

We pray for each of you and thank God always for your faithful prayers and support for our family.

Joyful Serving Jesus,
The Catalan Family

