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# Missionaries to the Philippines



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Greetings from the Philippines!

We hope you are all doing well. We are excited to share with you all what the Lord has been doing here in the Philippines.

For the past few months God has opened more opportunities for us to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus. One of the new families that we have met from our soulwinning effort are the Olaso family. We have met Jon (taxi driver) and his wife Aireen (teacher) the first-time last March. We have kept in touch and built our friendship with their family until we had the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus with them. They all got saved and accepted Jesus as their Savior. Please pray for this family as we continue follow up with them through Bible studies/discipleship and that they will continue to grow and become mature in their faith.



One of the challenges we face here is finding a place to gather for worship. The prices of rentals have gone up to the point of going above our budget. What we have been doing is we go to the houses of our contacts to have discipleship/bible studies. We did this for the past 5 months and we have been praying for the right place.

A group of 5 people that we have met approached us and would want to help us in our church planting. They are all saved and have a heart for God. They have been caretaking an old church building that has been closed and they presented the idea to us that they will donate the property to the new church if we plant it on the property. It is located a little outside Metro Manila, but it is still considered part of the greater metro. After much prayer and considerations, we have agreed, and we are excited to let you know that we have a place to gather now. Once again, we have proven God's promise in Ephesians 3:20, that He answers prayer above that we could ask or think. Praise the Lord for answering our prayers.



We started working on the property right away, cleaning, painting, buying things we need for the church, and after a month we gathered all our contacts and had our first service. Our church name is Lifeway Community Baptist Church. We have 25 in attendance including the kids and two people got saved that first service!

The building has a lot of work to be done, including processing the papers of the property, registering the new church and adding bathrooms, putting walls around the building, plus many other things to do. We got an estimate from an engineer of how much it would be to complete the building with walls, additional bathrooms, etc, and it is roughly around \$37,000. Please pray with us that we as a Church will be able to save that amount. I know that God will provide. If God leads you to help with the needs of the ministry here, please feel free to contact us with any questions by email.



We praise the Lord for how He continues to work in our lives and ministry here in the Philippines. Thank you so much for your continual prayer and support of our ministry. May God continue to richly bless you.



In His Service,  
The Catalan Family

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