



Christ for the Philippines Mission



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Praise the Lord and greetings to you in the precious Name of our King Jesus Christ. Happy New Year. "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." - Ps. 145:3
2014 Was an exciting year for us, as you might imagine. We came on the mission field at the end of February and the Lord immediately started blessing our work. It has been simply amazing to watch Him work and to see the hunger for the gospel here. For the year of 2014 on the mission field, we have seen over 100 souls come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ in Davao, Babatngon and Barugo. Also I have baptized more than 60 new converts.

We had the privilege of assisting in a mission work in Davao, where most of the souls we saw saved and baptized are still faithfully attending services there. We currently have the mission works going in Tab-Ang, Babatngon and in Duka, Barugo on the island of Leyte. We have about 30 in regular attendance in each work each Sunday and have baptized 19 new converts in each one as well. God is doing a great work in these two little villages.

One of the unexpected blessings has been another strong typhoon (Ruby) that swept the area in early December. This is because we had the opportunity, through your sacrifice and generous giving, to assist in the relief effort after the storm damaged or destroyed many homes in the areas we minister to. We were able to provide food, medicine, baby supplies and building materials for the victims. This really established credibility with our ministry as they could see that we really care about them and provided help with their immediate physical needs as well as their spiritual needs. This has opened more doors for us to minister to their souls and for them to listen to us as we witness to them and give them the gospel. Because of this we have seen more saved and baptized in the recent few weeks. Praise God for this blessing. Also, we are happy to report that no one was killed with this latest super typhoon since they were quick to evacuate, super typhoon Yolanda still being fresh in their minds from 2013.

Thank you to all who gave for the relief effort. Only heaven will tell what a difference you have made in the eternal state of their souls. We also have the appreciation of the mayor of Babatngon for delivering a shipment of supplies for the people there.

Here are some highlights from 2014:

- Visited hundreds of homes preaching the gospel and conducting home Bible studies.
- Have counted over 100 professions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Have baptized over 60 new converts.
- Have continued to disciple new believers to be servants of Christ.
- Now have two mission works going in Duka & Babatngon, Leyte.

Prayer Requests:

- 2015 to give us a greater harvest than ever
- For our new building project in Duka, Barugo, Leyte
- For a permanent property in both Duka and Babatngon

And it begins... Our first building project

By the grace of God, we are now beginning our first building project in the Philippines. About two months ago we began to outgrow the house we were meeting in in Duka. So, I began to teach the people to give and to pray. I taught them that if they gave in faith and were faithful, that God would bless it. Sure enough, a few weeks later we inquired about a piece of government-owned property on a hill overlooking the village and the sea that was not being used and had no plans for use. Well, the mayor gave permission to clear it out and use it for our church services.



He even said we could build on it, so long as we are able to clear it again should the land ever need use by the municipality or be sold. This is a great blessing for us as we really need a larger place to meet, but don't have the money to purchase a piece of property of our own.

So we have cleared out a portion of this land, and just yesterday carved out stairs going up about 100ft to the top where we will be building a nice native, but temporary church building that will accommodate all of our present assembly with room for growth. We are already doing a junior church in a second house where we have almost 20 children each Sunday, so this is a blessing to us.

We already have plans for this building, attached in subsequent pages, and estimate that this project should cost about \$1,500USD. I have prayed about whether we should announce a building fund or not, but I believe the Lord would have us to teach the people to rely on God directly for their needs. If anyone would like to give toward this noble project it would be a blessing, but I am not disposed to start a drive for complete outside help for this one. I believe the people here will be blessed to see how God will bless their faith and their own sacrificial giving. As I remind them from time to time, "The same God Who blessed the United States is the same God Who can bless the Philippines, if we serve Him and rely on Him." We have already purchased some small amount of materials with what they have given so far. These are people who earn \$10 to \$15 a day for an average salary in these poor rural areas, yet they have already seen God answer prayer with the permitted use of this property.

You can find our FaceBook page by doing a search for "Tony Tirse." We will keep you updated.

Because Jesus Christ lives,,

Tony Tirse - Mat. 28:6

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Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. ~ Acts 4:12