



# Christ for the Philippines Mission



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Greetings to you in the wonderful and high Name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. As we continue with the work here in Davao City, we thank God for the calling to the gospel ministry. We have seen souls saved, baptized and now beginning to grow as we disciple them. The absolute best thing is when the message of the gospel is understood and the hearer comes for salvation. To my mind comes a young man by the name of Rey. Rey is 20 years old. I met him a few weeks ago when he came to a church service where I was preaching.

He told me he had gone to several non-denominational churches and enjoyed those more than the Catholic ones he had been brought up in. I asked him if he was saved. His response to me was, "Um, yeah." It was not a convincing tone. At that moment I did not have time to talk to him more about it since the service was about to start. But I prayed that he would understand the message and his need for salvation, if indeed he was not saved. When I preached it was a deep message, yet simple from a salvation point-of-view.

At the invitation he raised his hand for salvation. But he did not come forward. I earnestly prayed for his soul. After the closing prayer he came up to me, after all the handshaking and small talk was done. His words to me were the most honest words a man could speak. After I shook his hand, he said, "I'm not sure I'm saved, but I want to be." I took him aside and showed him from the Bible how he could know and how to call upon the Lord. He sweetly bowed his head and spoke to the Lord in his own words. He asked God to forgive him and save him because of Jesus.

That's what it's all about. One soul at a time. Afterward I asked him if he had his own Bible and he did not. Fortunately, I had two new Bibles left and was able to give one to him. He was very happy, not just about the new Bible, but the look on his face from a heavy burden that was finally removed said it all. I know that feeling, that realization.

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* - **Matthew 11:28**

Have you shared the everlasting gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with someone lately? When is the last time you handed out a gospel tract, or left one with your tip at a restaurant? Folks, the gospel still works. One soul at a time. In the Philippines, in America, anywhere in the world, it does not return void.

Here are some highlights from the last two months:

- Visited dozens of homes preaching the gospel and conducting home Bible studies.
- Have counted 19 more professions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Have baptized 7 more.
- Have continued to disciple believers to be servants of Christ.

#### Prayer Requests:

- For precious Filipino souls to be saved in abundance
- For several more churches to take us on for monthly support
- Our home in the U.S. to be sold/paid off so we can be free from it

#### Continuing on to Leyte

We licensed Bro. Marcial to preach and work in the gospel ministry and granted him authority to baptize from Lighthouse Baptist Church.

The people here in Davao are doing well, learning with enthusiasm and continuing to be faithful. Meanwhile I have made another trip to Leyte to begin seeding the area for the work there. Because I have been personally training Bro. Marcial and have given him many tools and materials, and because of his faithfulness to the work, I feel comfortable moving on to Leyte toward the end of this month (July) and leaving the work in Davao in his care, coming back to check on them every few weeks or so. Our pastor, Danny



Young, and our missions director, Bro. Jeff Revis, have booked their tickets to come see us and the work at the end of August.

I will head to Tacloban City, Leyte to look for a house to rent in a couple of weeks. We will be based there and focus our gospel work in Northern Leyte. On my last trip there, I discovered many coastal villages that have never had the light of the gospel. We were able to distribute hundreds of gospel tracts, witness and talk to folks and get them excited about us coming back to start works there.

Please continue to pray for us as we enter these new areas and look for new ones. Our biggest expense is fuel as we travel between and all over the three islands of our focal area. During the latter half of this year we will be settling into this area of eastern Visayas (islands of Leyte, Biliran & Samar) and widening our reach in the gospel work. Please pray for our continued safety, for the salvation of the precious Filipinos and for provision as we will need supplies and materials for our gospel outreach. KJB Bibles are always, always in need here.

We look forward to being busier as we continue to learn how to serve our worthy Saviour on the mission field. Sis. Ypille is in the U.S. taking inventory of and preparing what we will need to take and what we will need to get rid of there, as we cut the final strings of our possessions. Please pray for us while we are apart, she will return to the Philippines by the 1st of November.

Also we will now transition into a **quarterly newsletter** instead of a bi-monthly one. We try to keep everyone updated as much as possible on FaceBook. You can find our page by clicking the button on our ministry website home page. Or just do a FB search for "Tony Tirse."

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*