



Christ for the Philippines Mission



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Greetings in the awesome Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are so thankful to be your missionaries on the field of the Philippines. Thank you for your prayer and financial support. We hear from churches from time to time that their finances are tight as the economy fluctuates, yet they remain faithful in their giving. God will bless that faithfulness. Now is the time when this ministry needs you more than ever. Our people are growing and are gearing up to the challenge of enlarging their coasts and reaching out further with the gospel ministry.

These last few months have been a bit strange, in the political sphere. If you have been keeping up with the news, the Philippines is currently experiencing some rough times originating from the new presidential administration. There has been a very rapid and severe crackdown on the "drug war" here and several thousand people have been killed by police and vigilantes. These are what the media has labeled "extra-judicial killings." Also, this new president has been making several speeches where he wants to end U.S. - Philippines alliances and instead align with Russia and China. In so much that he will be meeting with those heads of state in the next few weeks.

This has all happened very quickly in the last few months. There is uncertainty on many sides, even with those who were formerly supporters of the president when he was just campaigning. But this new rhetoric has caught almost everyone by surprise. The economy in this already poverty-stricken third-world nation has taken a bit of a downturn as some international investors have been spooked and have begun to look to invest in other South East Asian nations. The Philippines Peso (the currency here) has hit the lowest value since 2008.

In our mission work in Duka, one of our previously faithful families has left the church to go join a far-left wing/communist group which seeks to overthrow democracy here. Another family there has left us to join a Seventh-Day Adventist church as they will not believe in salvation by the free grace of and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ only.

We covet your prayers during this potentially perilous time. Nevertheless, as stated above, we are going forward on the faith of our Saviour Jesus Christ! There is still a faithful few who continue in the worship and service of the Lord at Duka. These are 100% faithful and love the teaching and preaching of God's Word. In Babatngon, we are getting ready to celebrate our 2nd anniversary of the establishment of the church there on October 23. Our people there have been growing so beautifully. Most of the members now have learned to not only recite memory verses, but to also present written explanations of the verses they know. Also one of the men there, Brother Manuel, is now preaching and teaching Sunday School, as well.

After our anniversary celebration I plan to challenge them to expand their reach beyond their "Jerusalem" (they have been faithful in their soul-winning in their own municipality) and to reach out to their "Judea" by taking on a local Filipino missionary in another city.

I have already mentioned this to them and they were excited about this next step of faith. I also told them that in the near future we will plan to reach "Samaria" and the "uttermost part of the earth." My goal for them is to take on their first missionary for monthly support by the first of this coming year. This will be a big step for them. Monthly support for a local Filipino missionary is somewhere in the range of 200 to 500 pesos per month (\$4.15 - \$10.40 per month). This from a church of people who earn an average of \$8 - \$10 a day!

So Lord willing, by the first of January the little mission church in Babatngon will be supporting missions itself. How exciting! This is all a product of your faithful support and prayers. The people here send their thanks and their regards. I make it a point to remind them that they have faithful brethren in the U.S. who love them and have made it possible for the gospel to get to them. They understand that now it will be their turn to do the same, according to our Great Commission.

Also, the radio broadcast continues to bear fruit as well. I have had opportunities to reach people for Christ over the airwaves and have even baptized one young man as a direct result of listening to our radio show and receiving Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. You can listen to our recorded shows, we upload them to our ministry website as soon as we can after a broadcast. We have all of our shows archived all the way back to our first broadcast in March of this year. Go to: www.cftpm.info/index.php/media/radio-show and just click on the title of the show you would like to hear or download.

Please continue to pray for us. Certain expenses like the price of food and fuel are beginning to rise significantly as the political climate veers toward the uncertain. Please pray for the Filipino people. China is really wanting to get in here and displace the United States' influence and strategic advantage. They also want to get their hands on the natural resources of the Philippines and this, combined with their political/moral ideology will leave the Philippines in much worse condition than it already is. We pray for God's protection upon His people, and also for many more souls to be saved before that last trumpet sounds in this age. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry, God bless you!

Because Jesus Christ lives,

Tony Tirse - Mat. 28:6

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