

# STEDMANS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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July 2016 - STATUS REPORT!

Pastors and Churches,

Proverbs 15:30 reads, "The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: and a good report maketh the bones fat." I am so thankful to be able to bring a good report concerning our deputation process. All Glory to God, we are at 75% of our support level! This, after 14 months of crisscrossing across our country. We have been encouraged by you all and praise God for your love of the Saviour and his gospel.



We have a house in the Philippines, some furniture, and a car in place.

Our landlord has been very gracious. I was hoping to be back on the field in June but that was not to be. He is letting us wait until we get there to start paying our rent. The month of August is our hope. In August of 2014 we left as a family for our extended survey trip of seven months. This June and July are similar to 2 years ago except that a lot more is being done for this move. We are not shipping a container but are shipping Balak Bayan boxes. These are boxes that are 20" x 20" x 20" and not limited by weight. At \$105.00 per box this is a lot thriftier than a container at \$13,000.00. June 10th we shipped 10 boxes, June 30<sup>th</sup> we shipped 17 more. They take 2 to 3 months to get there and Lord willing we will be there before they arrive.

The 25% more monthly support that we deem to need is quite obtainable considering that 12 Churches have us on their "short list." There are a few churches that have let me know they will increase our support when we get on the field; there are a few churches that have expressed a desire to support us but are not quite yet in the position financially; and we have some meetings in July and the first 2 weeks of August and we will see what transpires after that.

Ezra 5:8 says, "... and this work goeth fast on and prospereth in their hands." Bro Gerald Sutek, whom we will be working with, has been able to purchase land to start building. This land is by the old airport which the US Navy will be using in the near future. Good and bad comes with this: it will be helpful to the local economy but the vice though is not good. As a former Sailor I look forward to being in position to reach some of the sailors and marines with the Gospel!

Bro Sutek will be coming to the USA in October to present the ministry and the vision. I hope by the grace of God to be back on the field to be able to assume his duties so he can do just that. If you can help us with monthly or yearly support we would appreciate it. Some have mentioned that they would like to help with plane tickets and we have begun the search for them. If you would like to give to our travel fund we would be grateful. All offerings can be sent to our home church listed at the bottom of this letter. If you are already helping we appreciate it more than we are able to adequately express in words.

Thank you for your support, prayers, and consideration.

With Sincere Thanks,

Greg Stedman & Family

*"Come my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages. Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish." Song of Solomon 7: 11, 12a*

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