

# STEDMANS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Greetings Pastors, Churches, Friends and Family

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**"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people." 1 Chronicles 16:8**

I am thankful for the blessing of being a part of the wondrous works of the Lord. I love to be part of a Church and a Bible Institute where we can sing, give thanks and preach at the hospital; nursing home; city park; and wherever the door opens. We give witness of his wondrous work of salvation and the glorious Gospel!

Here is Mike Wood, our foreign exchange student (well we didn't actually exchange him.) He is from New York and has a desire to reach Muslims. He desires to be a missionary and what better place to go to Bible Institute than on the mission field? He has taught himself Arabic and can converse with them to a degree in that language. Pray for these people in the picture, as they expressed an interest in meeting again with him. Pray for wisdom and safety for us as we get many tracts into the Muslims hands. We have the Jack Chick tract "What's wrong with this?" in Cebuano. I had given them this tract and then Mike followed up. The tract addresses idolatry and has a picture of a person worshipping a wooden bird. It's something they will take and read and will get them the truth of how God views idolatry.



In the next picture I am preaching in the hospital waiting area at 0630. The Muslim lady has in her hand the tract "Big Daddy" which addresses the lie of evolution. She read the tract, she listened to the preaching, she then was discussed the whole thing with her neighbor seated next to her.



**Call upon his name!** This young man, Steve, received a gospel tract downtown. He read the tract, was convicted and came to church. After the service he wanted to talk. So Br. Sutek and I talked with him and reasoned with him out of the Scriptures. He wanted help to escape the wages of sin. He knew he was going to hell because of his sin. We showed him how to be saved and he prayed in his own words and cried out to the Lord Jesus Christ, all glory to God! Please keep him in prayer to grow in the Lord.

**Learning and dealing with the culture:** Summer break for the schools is April and May. This is the hot and dry season, or the hotter and not as much rain season. There is a sign down the road that reads, "Live intimately with rain." My idea is that it should say, "Live intimately with sweat." Some days are 2 shower days, some are 3. It is nothing to go out in the morning to minister, come home drenched in sweat and take a shower. Do some chores a couple hours later, take a shower. Go teach at the institute, go preach and be soaked in sweat again. We have adapted and learned to deal with it. Praise the Lord! The joy of the Lord is my strength. That is what sustains us. "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." (Psalm 55:22a) That, and the prayers of our friends and supporters.

Praise and prayer request. 1) We were approved for 6 month visa extension! 2) It was a blessing to have the Lowes, from our sending church, visit in April and experience the ministry here. 3) Pray for provision and wisdom on the construction of the church, IBMP, ACE school, and the Doney's Boarding school. 4) Pray for our car maintenance and repairs. 5) Pray for the Lord to send students. 6) Pray for spiritual growth for the new converts and the church.

Thank You! Greg Stedman

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