

# STEDMANS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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Greetings Pastors, Family, Friends, and Churches,

November/December 2017

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Psalm 65:11, *"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness."* I am thankful for this past year in the Philippines.

The Saturday Bible teaching at the Electric Company has been a tremendous opportunity. We have seen quite a few make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. The challenge has been getting them to church. The age group we teach/preach is grade school to high school. They are scattered throughout CDO, a city of a million people. Some are 1 to 2 hours from our Church in the area (Barangay) Lumbia. I am thankful for Jessa and Justice who followed the Lord in Baptism and have been coming to church. Please keep them in prayer. About 6 teen boys have said they would come to church. Praise God for Miracle Jay, yes that is his real name, who came to church once. When we started this ministry in the fall of 2016 these kids were shy and unsure of themselves and intimidated by the Americans. They had a hard time finding verses and did not want to stand up and read out loud. We taught them scripture songs and taught them from scripture. All glory to God, they now have 7 scripture songs in their heart and have an understanding of what they are singing. My sons suggested playing hangman with bible drills to see who picks the letters. So now a lot of them find the verse and stand up and read out loud. Some verses from the minor prophets!!



We were invited to the Foundation Holiday party on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. The Students were also there and they wanted us to play the game with students and for me to have the closing prayer. I was seated next to the Senior VP Sir Jaime. We had a good conversation about the recent storm that had passed through and how thankful we were that there was no loss of life in CDO. On the island of Mindanao over 200 died. The warnings were put out but many did not take heed and so they perished needlessly. About five minutes before the inspirational speaker was to speak I was informed he had not arrived and asked if I could give the inspirational speech. Praise the Lord, I was able to preach on how the inspired word of God can give you inspiration in any of life's situations. But you could not have that without being

born again.

Signs and wonders or signs to wonder about: At a laundromat the sign said, "Laundry today or naked tomorrow." (That's kind of drastic). Two billboards side by side saying, "Ignorance is a prison ". Right next to it the other sign said " Believe and you're halfway there! "

Prayer requests: 1] Sir Jaime at the Electric company, the witness would bear fruit. 2] Learning the language, it is slow going for me. 3] Witnessing to the Muslims that one would get saved. 4] For God's provision and wisdom concerning the building on the church property. There have been numerous issues with contractors and many headaches.

Thank you all again for your prayers and financial support!

All For Jesus, Greg Stedman

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