

# STEDMANS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Greetings Pastors, Churches, Friends and Family,

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We have now been on the field for 10 months! I cannot thank the Lord enough for sustaining us in this endeavor. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

In Job 37:5 the Bible says, "God thundereth marvelously with his voice; great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend." I am looking for the day when the Lord will shout and we who are saved will be changed and caught up to be with the Lord. That will be a great thing although at times it is hard to comprehend. Since May 25<sup>th</sup> we have been under Martial law due to Islamic terrorists trying to take over a city of 200,000 just 40 miles from here. We are and have been safe, praise the Lord. There is an increase in security with more military and added checkpoints. In the midst of this tension, we have had Muslim preachers try to take over our ministry at the Hospital. In a way that is encouraging as the gospel literature and preaching of the cross must be striking a cord. We came to an agreement with them, we would preach Mon-Wed-Fri and they could have the other days. Well they figured out that we had more days than them so they tried to get us to alternate Friday. I must tell you, WE were invited to preach and they were not. I was given official authorization from the Administration at the hospital, they were not. I told them no, go get the approval and only then. We then started our service. They told one of our IBMP students we were lucky it was Ramadan or something might happen. There has not been any Muslim opposition since then but the end of Ramadan is here. There is another increase in Military as there may be more terrorist attacks according to some intelligence. Praise the Lord we have had one man come to church as a result of this ministry.



I would like to introduce a family that has been faithful and growing in the Lord, Jamison, his wife Eden and son, James. He has a business called King James Electronics. When we were here in 2014, Bro. Sutek started visiting them when he saw their sign. They have been coming to church ever since. Sister Eden is a social worker who helps students get financial aid. Every Saturday they meet at the electric company. She thought it would be good for them to have a bible study and asked if we could do that. Shortly after we arrived in the Philippines, we started this Bible study on Saturday from 1000 to 1130. There are usually between 20-40 students and a few parents. Quite a few have been saved and 2 have been to church and followed the Lord in Believer's Baptism. For 7 months they had no bibles to follow along with the study. Thank you King James Bible Society and our sending church for the bibles that they now have! Praise God. A picture is worth a thousand words. I cannot comprehend how God can use us in this work of his and just marvel at the great things doeth He!



**Prayer Requests:** 1] A lady named Eugene to come to church- 2] Steve, Justice, Jessa, and Mark to grow in the Lord. 3] Playground equipment and covered court for the new Church 4] Lumbia outreach at the prison and the community 5] Gods wisdom and provision dealing with building contractor. 6] Continued prayer in adapting to the culture and learning the dialect. **Praise Report:** We found a little shop that sells kale and lettuce. These items are hard to get in our area and finding the leafy greens was an answer to prayer.

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