## PHILIPPINES

## THE STEDMAN FAMILY

Greetings Pastors, Churches, Friends, and Family February/March 2019

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support which help us to serve the Lord here in the Philippines. In January I was scheduled to preach in a city in the southern portion of Mindanao. This is a church whose Pastor is the father of one of the graduates of IBMP. Because of illness, I had to reschedule for late February but for this meeting to happen, I needed the airline to reimburse the ticket from January so I could afford to go. Praise the Lord, after a few more trips to the doctor to get the needed medical certificates stating my inability to travel due to illness; we were able to achieve that. The theme for the meeting was "Strengthening the Family." The Lord directed me to the text in Genesis 18:19, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD." I am thankful that Jesus knows me and he has given me the Bible to lead my family in the way. One lady got saved and a young man, Christopher, was encouraged to get back in church!

The picture you see highlights the fruit of 2 separate ministries. The 2 young men are Jaysen and Clinton who were saved at the state orphanage, Boystown, over a year ago. As you may recall they stopped us from bringing them to church but thankfully we could still go on Saturday to teach and preach. The 2 young men are still living there but are now of age and can come to church! The figure they are standing by depicts the soldier in the whole armour of God. This was made by the graduates and students of IBMP. That was the theme of the children's and teen's Sunday school for the month and they did a great job not only with the cardboard figure but in teaching the lessons.



Summer is upon us here in the Philippines and school is out until June. I am thankful for the Bibles we received from Huisache BC and some pocket new testaments from another supporter that we were able to give out at the high school. My former employers and friends, Troy and Christi from Walla Walla, WA, sent a couple of boxes that are en route and will be here for the next school year. I started working for them in 1988 when I was lost but ended up getting saved in 1990. I am thankful that they had grace with me until then as I was a mess. Then when I went to PBI in 1996 they were very supportive. At my going away party they got a cake with the reference 2 Thessalonians 1:11,12 on it. No, they did not put all the words on it for that would have been a big cake! But I will here, "Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." By His Grace, we will continue on.

PRAYER REQUESTS: 1. Bennice and Julito for salvation. 2. Large print King James Bibles 3.Emily and Jon with their schooling 4. Air Force ministry

Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

Sincerely, The Stedmans

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