

PHILIPPINES

THE STEDMAN FAMILY

Greetings Pastors, Churches, Friends and Family,

Oct-Nov 2018

Thank the Lord and you all for being faithful. Our time in the States was beneficial and the Lord encouraged us along the way. I would often jokingly tell folks that while preaching/presenting I knew I could safely speak some Visayan and nobody would know if I mispronounced the words unless, of course, there was a Filipino in the congregation from the area we serve in. Well, that actually happened at BBBC in Hillsboro, OR. I was using a few verses and phrases and there in the back was a Filipino couple visiting. I noticed the young lady smile as I spoke and afterwards I found out she was from Cebu where they speak the same dialect. Small world!

We were able to fly back the end of October with no problems, praise the Lord and thank you for your prayers. We did have two young men stay at our house so as to keep an eye on things and look after our dog. They did well and so the house was clean for the most part. Our bedroom was locked up during our time in the States and had not been cleaned. The result of this was that both Anna and I had an allergic reaction to something. Three times since 2013 we have entered the country with no problems, however, this time I had a rash for a week and Anna had an asthma attack which she has not had in 20 years! We deep cleaned our room and it's better now but please keep Anna in prayer as she is still struggling some with the allergies.

The opposition to preaching the Gospel gives God the opportunity to get the victory. The Board of the foundation at the Electric Company wanted to stop our Bible Study. Apparently some Catholics on the board were troubled so they suspended the class with the students. Eden, the lady in our Church who oversees the students, was led of the Lord to just have the study outside the gate if I was willing. Walay Problema! God gave me the message from **Isa 28:6b**, "and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate." By the following week we were back inside the facilities. Eden thanked me for having courage to do this but it really was she and the students who had the courage and were not ashamed of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The High School ministry has also seen resistance from the adversary. We started with access to 6 classrooms, then a new principle came in and gave us 1 class. We are thankful for the 35 who come to learn and hear the word.

We met Jeffrey (9yrs) and Moonay (6yrs) last year when they began attending the Christian school. They both attend church regularly and Jeffrey got saved a few months ago. We are praying for the parents to come to church and be saved, their names are Bernice and Julieta Caballes.



Prayer Requests: 1. IBMP students 2. Salvation for Bernice and Julieta 3. Our transportation situation. Our car is a 2002 Isuzu Crosswind and it has needed numerous costly repairs this year. We are praying about getting a different vehicle possibly in 2019. 4. Bibles for the high school ministry- can be paperback as long as the print is not too small.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

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