

PHILIPPINES

THE STEDMAN FAMILY

Greetings Pastors, Churches, Friends and Family

May/June 2019

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." **Jeremiah 8:20**

Here in the Philippines the summer has ended and school starts in June. Fortunately the harvest is not passed when it comes to reaching the lost for Jesus Christ. Yes, there are many that are not saved but praise the Lord there are many that have come to salvation and are getting involved with the harvest.

A young lady named Elgrace, a friend of one of the teachers at the ACE school, was in the hospital & one of the grads from IBMP (Alvin) visited her and led her to the Lord. She was released by the doctor to go home. Sadly a few days later she died & Alvin was able to preach at her funeral knowing she was absent from the body and present with the Lord! As Elgraces family is Catholic they had a priest in to pray for her, for a price. I can say without out a doubt that they wasted their money. The coffin, as the practice goes, is in a small room where the priest does his service while the friends and family sit outside. Alvin, without cost, preached the gospel and the certainty of being able to know you are saved to the people gathered outside and was thanked by many for preaching to the living!

As some of you may recall, last year we were told that we could not continue the ministry at the nursing home here, St Joseph's Golden Home For the Elderly. Their explanation was, "orders from above", but in my opinion, it was probably orders from *below*. We were able to see a few elderly ladies get saved in the last few years so Bro Sutek suggested to me that I might try to get us back in to minister as there might be a new Nun in charge. All glory to God! We are allowed to minister again. The folks there were very happy to see us again! Please continue in prayer for that ministry.

We started a new outreach at a medical clinic in Lumbia, close to the Church. Every Tuesday at 9 a.m. we go and sing songs, have testimony, and preaching. We had a lady named Alicia come to church now because of this ministry.

The Police Station Bible study is still going strong by the grace of God. Ken (a new IBMP student) and I were able to preach to some new police recruits. What an honor and a blessing. My path has crossed with some of these recruits again as they are assisting at the school crossings and other community services. Recently while at the High School, confirming the class time we will have starting June 19, two of these recruits were outside and I was able to encourage them again to believe on the Lord Jesus for salvation.

Summer here in Philippines usually means many of the children stop coming to church. We have seen this happen for a few years now and they usually come back once school starts. This year Anna started a Summer Reading program with some of the children to encourage them to read over the summer break. Some of those children she read books with ended up coming to church all summer with some of our regular children.

Additional prayer request: 1) Emily and Jon as they travel to the States June 21 for teen camp. Thank the Lord for Pastor Tim, our home church, and others that have made this possible. 2) The box of bibles for the high school ministry to get here safely. 3) MORE IBMP students and labourers for the harvest. 4) salvation for Julito and Nice and family.

Thank You!

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