

# PHILIPPINES

## THE STEDMAN FAMILY

Greetings Pastors, Churches, Friends and Family,

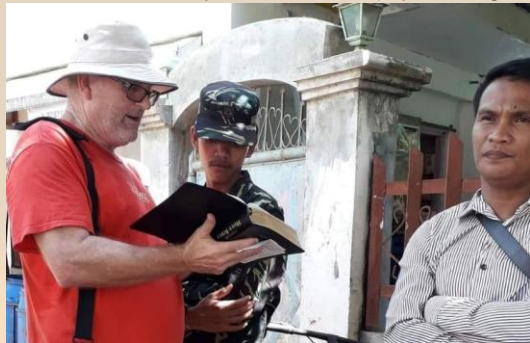
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Thank you for your prayers and support.

The Apostle Paul mentions in **1 Corinthians 16:9**, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and *there are many adversaries.*" So it should not be surprising when opposition shows up and tries to hinder the truth of God's word being preached. As you may recall we were kicked out of St. Joseph's Golden Home for the elderly last year and then this year they allowed us back in. Well, we have been kicked out again as a Nun got a tract that had **Hebrews 10:11**, "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins." and this was deemed as being anti-Catholic.

One of the parks where we have public ministry is across from a Catholic cathedral and on the side street there are idol shops. The city officials have tried to stop us by telling us we need a permit. Yet the police do not hinder us when we tell the city officials, "There's the police go get them to tell us to stop."

Another ministry we have enjoyed is going to the cemetery during All Souls Day. In 2014 there were no other



witnesses taking this opportunity to reach the lost but now there are JW's and the Knights of Columbus contending with us on this day. In the picture you see me witnessing to a PNP trainee and to the right is a very unhappy JW. I was showing him Isaiah 9:6-7 and some of the names of our Lord Jesus Christ. The thing I need to remember is to not take it personally and understand and apply **2 Timothy 2:25**, "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth." They are opposing themselves and have been blinded by the god of this world.

Praise the Lord for another police station ministry downtown at Police Station #2. This ministry came about because of a witness with a tract. A young policeman received the tract at a shopping center downtown. He sent a message to the number asking more information and he came to our church during the week and Pastor James led him to the Lord. He was in the process of transferring to the city from Bukidnon and we did not hear from him for a few months. Then one day he sent me a text requesting I come down for police prayer presence. I went there and the Master Sgt., who is saved, asked me to come Tuesday and Thursday for morning devotions at 0630 during shift change. This had to be cleared by the regional office first so I went there and had a meeting with Colonel Dampal who is saved. In the course of the conversation we found out my landlord, Vernon Roa, is his best friend from high school and college and they had just talked the day before. Praise the Lord!



PRAYER REQUESTS: 1] Wisdom and grace dealing with opposition. 2] Our vehicle needs to be upgraded. I think we may have gotten to the point of diminishing returns. 3] Emily will be returning to the States next year. Please pray for God's provision and wisdom regarding this. 4) Salvation for Julito, Nice and Marylou.

Again, we say thanks!

Sincerely, The Stedman Family

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