

PHILIPPINES

THE STEDMAN FAMILY

Greetings Pastors, Churches, Friends and Family,

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I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air. **1 Cor 9:26**

Thank you all for your continued support in these perilous times where so much uncertainty and misinformation are prevalent in the world today. Thankfully we have the promises of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ so we can continue in this race and run with the truth!

And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. **Habbakuk 2:2**

Just like a lot of you we were running along when the Pandemic hit. At the beginning of March, we had started a visitation program. The BI students were enjoying the blessing as they saw a few get saved and started a Bible study. Then COMMUNITY QUARANTINE HIT! The High School outreach was moving right along. In the class I taught I was able to have enough paperback Bibles large print to use for Bible drills and such, courtesy of some friends in the states. I told the students that at the end of the School year they could keep the Bibles. The School year here was scheduled to end at the end of March. Then COMMUNITY QUARANTINE struck and schools were canceled abruptly. Please pray that I can get the Bibles to these students as it is a challenge sometimes to find out who is actually in charge and communicate in these institutions.



What does Community quarantine mean for us here in Cagayan de Oro? Those aged 0-20 and 60 and above are to stay at home. One person can go out with a pass for food and medicine and we are required to wear a mask when we are in public. This means Jon and Emily cannot go out of our area. Anna and I have gone out together to get goods as she doesn't drive here in the Philippines. I am her professional driver. It is troubling that we had more liberty during martial law from 2016 through 2019 when the Islamic terrorist tried to take the city of Marawi.

At one grocery store, there is also a counter to pay bills or pick up money. The people are now sitting in chairs maintaining social distance as they wait. I was able to hand out about 20 tracts and preach a little in a conversational volume. We took a short drive outside of Lumbia the Saturday before Easter and saw many people sitting outside with their idols/statues and we decided to stop and pass out some tracts. Greg preached a little. It broke our hearts to see their faithfulness to their graven images.

We have considered that the poor are being hit hard with this quarantine. Thankfully, we can buy food and stock up a bit, having a refrigerator and freezer. Many here do not have much storage at all and some do not own a refrigerator. Many people work from day to day for their food. Anna was talking with a friend in CA and discussing this problem. The friend and her husband decided to quickly send us money so that we could buy groceries. We were able to buy food for 4 families – 2 single moms in the church and 2 families that live near the church, but only the children attend our church. It was a great help and blessing to them. Praise God for letting us minister this way. If this is something you would like to help with, simply send any donation to our support address at the bottom of this letter. We will make sure that every dollar buys food for a family in need. [Pastor Haveman added the last 2 sentences.]

The travel restrictions now are such that Emily and I cannot fly to the US as planned. We will continue to pray and wait for God's direction on this. We appreciate your faithful prayer and support. Thank you!

Sincerely, The Stedman Family

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