## PHILIPPINES

## THE STEDMAN FAMILY

Greetings Pastors, Churches, Friends and Family,

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Thank you once again for your continued prayer and support. I also want to thank those that gave to help the saints over here in the Philippines hit hard by the lockdowns. One of these is Br Dax, a Filipino evangelist. He is on the island of Cebu and a member of Mountainview Baptist Church. He has been a blessing to many churches throughout the Philippines. Due to the lockdown, he has not been able to have any meetings but Dax has not been sitting idle at this time. In 2019 Br Gene Sharpe and "Faith For the Philippines" were able to put in a radio station that reaches Cebu city. This can reach 1.9 million people. So Brother Dax has continued doing the work of an evangelist by radio! Pray for the people there to find this station and get



saved. Because of your gifts, we were able to help 5 Filipino pastors and their church people, several families in our church as well as some other families in the neighborhood near the church. We also participated in a rice donation with another missionary where we gave bags of rice to 100 poor families. We thank you and Praise God for your generous gifts.

**Proverbs 15:22** "Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established." I think one of the things I will remember this year is purposes disappointed. Not for lack of counselors but because the rain falls on the just and the unjust. We had quite a few plans canceled, put on hold, and changed. Our main purpose of reaching the lost with

the Gospel has been able to continue in different ways. We have asked prayer for Nice and her husband Julito to get saved. Two of their children, Jeffrey and Monay, attend the Christian school. Julito was out of work and we were able to help them with provisions. I would like to try and give you a brief background of this family. Nice was abandoned by her mother as a baby. She was passed from relative to relative until a teenager. In Dec. 2011 she lost everything in a flood. Monay was born in May 2012 and Jeffrey would have been 3 years old. Thousands died and thousands were displaced in this flood. I was told that 6 months later they were still finding bodies out at sea. The family ended up in relocation housing across from the church. Because of these circumstances, Monay did not have a birth certificate which she needs to continue in school. Anna and I were able to help her with this process through transportation and finances. This is inexpensive to us but a week's wages for the average Filipino. When we were able to finally get her birth certificate she hugged Anna and said, "I could not do this in my life."

There will be a wedding on August 8<sup>th</sup> for Alvin and Mae! I hope you were able to see their testimony from our update video. This will be a great celebration in so many ways of God's marvelous grace. Please pray for the family members of this couple to get saved.

Please pray for Sgt. Michael of the Bomb Squad. I met him during our publick ministry. He is saved and a Baptist and asked to arrange a time for me to preach to his squad. I am still waiting for him to get back to me. Encouraging Words! I hand out tracts, witness, and practice my Cebuano verses with all the security guards. It's a blessing to have a guard yell out to you, Jesus saves! It's a blessing to hear their testimony of salvation. I was preaching at the market in my limited Cebuano. Afterward, Klinton said I was very clear and his heart was rejoicing to hear my effort. All of these things help along the way in these times of uncertainty.

Sincerely, The Stedman Family

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