

# PHILIPPINES

## THE STEDMAN FAMILY

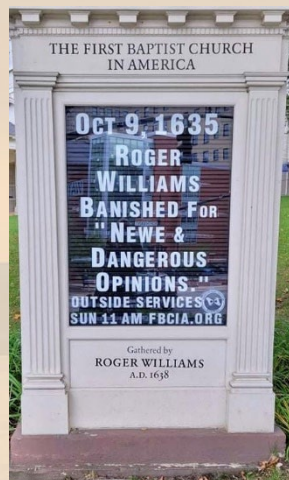
Greetings Pastors, Churches, Friends, and Family

October-December 2021

I cannot express enough our gratitude and thankfulness to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and you all who have supported us financially and prayerfully in this current circumstance.

*Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. Philippians 4:14*

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** we headed towards New Hampshire to Glen Community BC on Pastor Tom Bard's invitation to present the mission field. We were able to visit a few supporting Churches on the way there and back in MT, ND, MI, and OH. We were thankful to be able to see the Lord's handiwork in his creation along the way with the Fall colors. The Lord encouraged us in so many ways on the road. In Wisconsin, I noticed a car with a retired USN Boiler Tech sticker. I used that as an opening to witness to the gentleman, hoping that he may have been to the Philippines as I had in the Navy. He hadn't but he was still receptive and took a tract and a prayer card. This man actually took the time to write a letter to our home Church, and there was a nice letter waiting for us on our return. Also at one hotel we stayed at there was a billboard across the street with one of Dr. Ruckman's drawings and it happened to be the same picture (magnet) we had on our car! What was amazing to me is that the clerk at the hotel and the waitress at the restaurant had never noticed it. I pray that they will see it and think about it often after I pointed it out and used it as an opportunity to witness.



**Upon** leaving New Hampshire, I wanted to visit the place of my birth and also see the place of the first organized Baptist church by Roger Williams in Rhode Island. We learned that Rhode Island was also the place for the first Jewish Synagogue in the US. Sadly we could not go inside the church and there was a fence around it. The sign claimed closed for renovations but I suspect it was partly because of Covid.

In November we headed into California to visit churches and Anna's family for Thanksgiving. We were able to have some good meetings in Ontario, Sylmar, San Pedro, and San Jose and the Lord blessed us with 2 new supporting churches! We were also able to visit Anna's Grandma Helen who had gotten saved a few months earlier at 97 years of age. That was a long-awaited answer to prayer, all glory to God! She is now present with the Lord.

**On** our way back North we were able to stop in at TVBC in Meridian ID. They gave us some of their old Hymnals for the Philippines. I am so thankful for them. They kept them in excellent shape and we plan to share some of them with other Filipino pastors as well as use them for the Church we will be starting.

**The** first week of Dec. we were able to stay at the mission's apartment at Riverview BC, Pastor John Paisley. This enabled us to be able to check up on my Mom as well as have some good fellowship with Pastor Paisley and the church. I had the privilege to preach on the radio about missions, preach to the Burmese Church there, and teach in one of the Sunday school classes on follow-up discipleship.

**HEALTH UPDATE:** On Dec 27<sup>th</sup> I had an encouraging MRI. It showed the tumor had shrunk some more. As an added precaution the Dr. wanted a CT scan to check the liver and lungs, this was not so good. It showed a tumor of 8mm on the liver. I am now going to have an ablation/biopsy of the liver. The blood tumor marker test was normal so that is good. I also for the most part feel good, have no pain, and am still able to exercise. Anna and I are still pressing forward and plan to return to the mission field as soon as possible.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** 1. For the ablation procedure to go well. 2. Salvation for Julito and Nice and Greg A. 3. For Wisdom and preparations for returning to the Philippines.

With Sincere Thanks, Greg & Anna Stedman

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