

PHILIPPINES

THE STEDMAN FAMILY

Dear Pastors, Churches, Friends, and Family

June-August 2023

Thanks be to God, and thank you all for your continued support and prayer.

Deuteronomy 32:3, Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. **Psalms 68:34a**, Ascribe ye strength unto God. I am thankful for the Lord's greatness and strength to enable us to continue the gospel ministry in Claveria at the USTP campus and the town proper. On the last weekend of school, the classes were canceled for the students to practice the intermural sports activities. So, instead of preaching in the classes that Saturday, we walked around the oval track as they all practiced the various sports they would compete in and



passed out tracts and invites to church. I even got to play some pickleball. We had some good conversations and got a couple of hundred tracts out. I want to say some of those who said they would come to church showed up, but they did not. The Lord had another plan; the ROTC Honour guard was practicing on the oval track just outside the classroom where we have church. They came over to our classroom, and I was able to show them what I had learned in the drill team in the Navy. Thankfully, the wooden rifle didn't have a bayonet, and I didn't drop it. They attended church and seemed to enjoy the preaching and singing, and afterward, I was able to give them each a Bible. Three of them made a profession of faith, and two were

unsure.

PTL! Imelda found us a small apartment to rent that will be ready this October. It's close to the college and right across from Immanuel and Imelda's house.

In June, we traveled to the States for doctor's appointments at the VA and family events. There was a delay, and it appeared that we might not make it to Caleb's ordination. We received a notification that our flight was delayed to the next day. Then when we got up at 2 a.m. to go to the airport, we received a notification that the flight from Manila to L.A was rescheduled for Wednesday. That was going to be cutting it too close. So, we decided to go ahead and get on the flight to Manila, talk with a representative in person, and explain the situation. Thank the Lord we were able to get rerouted and arrived in L.A. only a day late.

Psalms 16:6, The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant *places*; yea, I have a goodly heritage. Caleb's ordination was such a blessing. I first met Pastor Nate Gipp in 1998 at PBI. We also worked together at a truss plant with David Haveman, Greg Verginio, and Jon Patterson. We had Nate and David over a few times for dinner. Caleb was two years old and just talking baby gibberish, and now here he is Pastor Nate's assistant, and his gibberish is somewhat clearer. Pastor Tim Haveman preached the ordination charge. Pastor Tim had been Caleb's Pastor during his childhood and teen years. Pastor Nate also let me preach that Sunday's Father's Day message. The Holy Spirit got involved, and I am thankful the excellency of the power is of God and not me (2 Cor. 4:7) as the people responded and went down to the altar to do business with God.

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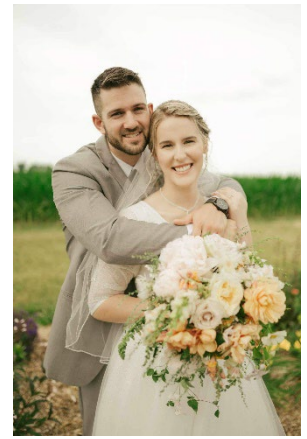
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A week later, we headed east to Minnesota for the wedding of Drew and Bethany. On the way, I was able to preach in Missoula, MT, and Hot Springs, MT. We then connected with Caleb and his family and caravanned to Rochester. In Rochester, we enjoyed having all the kids under one roof for a couple of nights. The wedding was beautiful as the Lord was honored.



On the return west, I was able to preach in Bismark, ND, on Wednesday night, July 5th. On the 4th of July, Open Door BC, Bismark had a float in the parade, and we walked along with them, handing out water bottles with the church information. At the parade's start, I noticed a Filipino family and had a quick conversation with them. I asked if they had adjusted to the winter yet. They said no, but their kids love the snow. The following person who wanted to talk was a man with stage 4 lung cancer. I spent more time with him and witnessed to him of the hope of eternal life and how you can know that one can be saved. I gave him the church's contact information and pray he would contact them.

Back in Post Falls, we packed three balikbayan boxes with Bibles and assorted clothes for the Philippines. Annabelle has been a great help with our shipping needs. If you recall, she is a Filipina Anna met at the gym and invited her to church.

The next family event was my mother's memorial service. I am thankful to HBC Walla Walla for letting us use their church for this. It was a simple service with some good memories shared, and I was able to preach the gospel to lost relatives and some of Mom's friends. We are thankful for the piano player and Caleb leading the songs. Caleb and Jacey sang a song as well that was very fitting. Sunday morning, I preached there, and then we drove to Dayton, where I spent my youth away from God. Riverview BC has started a church there, Victory BC. There is no Independent KJV Baptist church in that area. They have a building right on Main Street. It was special to preach on Main Street, not far from the bars I used to frequent.

We spent precious time with Jon before he shipped out for USMC boot camp and some time with our other kids as well.

Our return trip back to the P.I. was smooth and without a hitch. We have been able to get back to Claveria where we will be signing a 6 month lease for the apartment.

HEALTH UPDATE: I am currently cancer-free according to the latest test. I will have a follow-up procedure in October with the surgeon here.

PRAYER REQUEST: We have had our application for the 9g missionary Visa submitted. Please pray for approval. Pray for salvation for JingJing (our neighbor) and Brenda and Monay.

Thank you so much. *Daghang Salamat,*

The Stedmans