

Jon & Gina Murrell Missionary Report #37 from Cebu City, Philippines / May 2023

Howdy from the Philippines!

I hope this letter finds you well. Things have been busy of late and we are working toward our upcoming trip to the USA, Lord willing in June.

Things at the Bible Study Center are going well. My class schedule is growing. I just finished the course "Public Speaking" and recently I started a members-only class on "Family Guidelines." This course discusses how to deal with challenges within the marriage relationship, like money problems and miscommunication and how to avoid them. We also discuss the individual roles within the family. The class also addresses childraising and discipline from a Biblical standpoint. My wife and I are working together to teach this class, and we have 10 members from various Churches of Christ around the city attending.



Seminar at the Bible Study Center



Helping Balamban COC on Kid's Class

The efforts in the mountains are going well. A good group of kids joins us every Saturday for our kid's class, and the weekly bible study is still going strong. On a sad note, one of our new members, Tatay Maning, passed away a few days ago. It was very sudden. The night before, he was doing great, but that night, he fell asleep and didn't wake up. We were informed that he passed away due to a cardiac arrest. He was 73 and left behind his wife Ophelia (72), 7 kids, 23 grandkids, and 7 great-grandkids. While it is a sad time, it is also a joyous time because one of God's children went home to be with him. Please continue to pray for his family and the congregation up in the mountains.



On a lighter note, it's official! All our visas and passports are updated, and we finally have tickets to travel to the USA. We plan to be stateside for two months. We will leave Cebu on June 12th and stay in Texas for most of our time in the US and return to Cebu on August 9th. The reason for the timing is to get the kids back to Cebu in time for the next school year to start. We are working on a route and plan to visit as many family, friends, and supporters within that period. If there is a specific time you would like us to come by within that time, please let me know as soon as possible so we can factor that into the travel plans.

We can't wait to see as many of you as possible while we are stateside. It's been too

long because of the covid situation and visa and passport renewals. As always, we are very grateful for each of you and the prayers and support you provide for us and our team here in Cebu. May the Lord continually bless you and yours in all you do.

P.S. If you provide us with a contact number, we can contact you when we get stateside. Please pray for our safe trip.

In Him,

Jon, Gina, Sean, Jasmin and Liam Murrell

"For this is the love for God, that we might keep his commands, and his commands are not difficult." - I John 5:3