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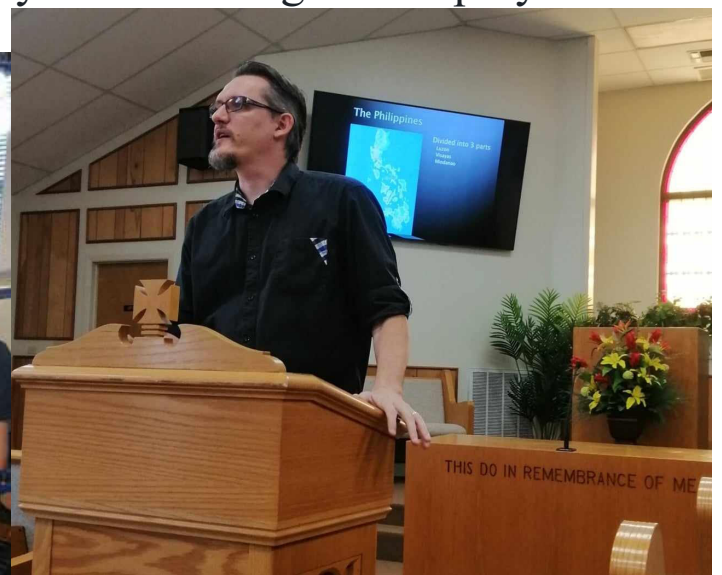
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Howdy from the Philippines!

We hope this letter finds you well. We wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the goings-on over the last few months. We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support.

First and foremost, we want to let you know that we have safely returned to the Philippines after our time in the USA. We have been rather busy over the last month. However, during our time in the USA, we had the privilege of visiting as many of our friends, family, and supporters as time permitted. It was heartwarming to reconnect with everyone, share stories of our work and plans for the future, and see everyone's willingness to support our efforts in Cebu. Unfortunately, due to the constraints of time and geography, we couldn't visit everyone, but please know that each of you is always in our thoughts and prayers.



When we arrived in Cebu on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August, we hit the ground running. The first big event was a two-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) program in the mountain area where we frequently work. It ran from August 25-26th and was a tremendous success, with around 80 children from the community coming together to learn about the parable of the Prodigal Son. The impact of this program extends beyond the children themselves. We believe that the seeds planted during the VBS will continue to grow and bear fruit in the lives of these young ones.



Furthermore, our informal education effort in the mountains is off to a great start. Due to our frequent Saturday kid's classes and the regular Bible studies with the adults during the week, we have quite a few children in the immediate area attending these new classes. We have worked to provide much-needed educational resources, materials, and mentoring to the children in this remote area. While this work is still in its early stages, we look forward to how these efforts might open doors to a brighter future for these kids.



The efforts of the Bible Study Center are also going strong. We are excited to share the news that three new sisters have joined the Lord's group of believers since we arrived in Cebu. The first two are Jackielyn Cabizas and Jeane-jeane Cabizas. They are the Aunt and cousin, respectively, of my brother-in-law Gabriel Puzon, who have been studying the Bible for a few months. On August 23rd, they made the life-altering decision to become immersed. A few weeks later on September 3, another of his cousins, Dyzsa Sestoso, joined the rest of her family and began her life in Christ. Please keep our new sisters in your prayers as they start their journey in Christ.





None of these achievements would have been possible without your continued support. Your prayers have been our source of strength, and your help has enabled us to carry out these efforts effectively. We are immensely grateful for your continued partnership in spreading the love of Christ and creating a positive impact on the lives of those we help.

Moving forward, we humbly ask for your continued prayers and support. We will keep you updated on our progress and look forward to sharing more stories in the coming months.

Once again, thank you for being a crucial part of our ministry. May God bless you abundantly in all that you do. We pray for your health, happiness, and spiritual growth.

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



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