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Missionaries to the

Philippines

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Proverbs 25:25

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Dear Praying Friends,

If you were to ask me what the greatest blessings in our ministry were this past year, several things would come to mind. One of them was the joy of seeing more of our people becoming faithful and grounded in the faith. Two men are using their personal vehicles to pick up people on our jeepney routes. We are having a good crowd on Sunday mornings, and our Sunday evening services have been growing faster than the morning services.

One of the most encouraging things I've seen since being on the mission field is the response of pastors and churches to missions. Roy Arteta, my assistant pastor for over six years, and his family began deputation to prepare for the country of Nepal in January of 2012. He will be the only missionary from the Philippines of any faith in that country. I've been overwhelmed at the response of pastors, as they have enthusiastically invited him to their churches. Baptist churches in the Philippines are on fire for missions!

What a tremendous opportunity we have for reaching the most unreached part of the world! Jesus told us to pray for laborers for His white harvest. More and more doors are opening up for the spreading of the Gospel all the time. I cannot think of a more strategic location for a staging area to reach Asia and Africa than the Philippines. I really believe that God has the Philippines in His plan as playing a major role in world missions. Our church took on two new missionaries during our last missions conference. We now support 16 missionaries. Please pray for us as we seek to do our part in the GREAT COMMISSION. Please include our finances in those prayers. There is so much more that we want to do.

It is a great joy to see families grow in the Lord and to see their children grow up in church. Carl Ace, the son of our very first converts in Cavite, Liezel and Arthur Rioflorido, is one of our preacher boys and is now a high school junior in our Christian school.

Our preacher boys have been taking on more responsibility, including preaching at our Saturday soul-winning meeting. They have become proficient soul winners and have been bearing much fruit. They have even preached on public busses.

We started a new outreach work on Thursday evenings that is averaging 61 in attendance. The adults have been coming to our Sunday services on our jeepney route.

The total number of professions of faith in Christ during 2012 was 4,746; 1,356 of those were in November and December. We had a productive soul-winning marathon on All Saints Day on November 1-2. We renamed it "All Tracts Day," and we hand out thousands of tracts and share the Gospel. It provides unique soul-winning opportunities, as people spend one or two days around the clock visiting the graves of their loved ones.

Our five-week Harvest Campaign was a success, with many saved and visitors each week.

Our choir is improving tremendously. Amy, one of our ladies, has a college degree in music with an emphasis on voice. She has been a tremendous help with our music program.

Please pray for our financial needs, as we have been very significantly affected by the economy, the weak dollar, and inflation here the Philippines. We are very grateful for the sacrifice so many are making to spread the Gospel around the world.

Please let me remind you that we have recent pictures on facebook.com/pbcdasma.

Thank you all so much for your prayers and sacrificial giving to keep us in this white harvest field. We are very grateful and are doing our best to see that your investment will bring many eternal dividends in the kingdom of Heaven.

Very gratefully yours for souls,

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John 4:35

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