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Missionaries to *Manila, Philippines*

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Praises

- Praise the Lord 5 souls were saved.
- We were able to secure a 3 yr contract for a house
- For our move this month.
- Opportunities to develop relationships in our neighborhood to share the Gospel.
- Wisdom & direction on the next step with securing the donated land.

Prayer Requests



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Dear Prayer Partners,

A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps. Proverbs 16: 9.

This verse really spoke to us as we were praying and seeking where to serve the Lord and plant a new Church. Our original plan was to start in Taguig City, Metro Manila, But our plan was changed suddenly when God opened to us an opportunity and an unexpected blessing.

A family from one of our supporting churches contacted us in July and expressed their desire to donate their piece of land located in Las Piñas City, Metro Manila (South of Metro Manila) to us for the purpose of building a Church. We were amazed at their heart for the Philippines, and how God obviously laid this on their hearts. We have been praying for God's clear direction, and we believe He has answered very specifically. We visited the land, analyzed and prayed for it and saw it as a very clear blessing and leading from the Lord, that He would have us to reach the people in this specific area with the Gospel.

Las Piñas City has a 600,00+ population and the part of the town where we will plant a church has only two Baptist Churches. With a large population in this area we surely need more Churches here.

The land is really a big blessing for us because buying land in the city of Metro Manila for any purpose is very expensive due to the limited availability. The land is 2,045 sqft. which is a good size land in the city. Please pray for guidance on how to process the papers, etc.

For the past few months we were busy looking for a house to rent in Las Piñas/Parañaque city, Metro Manila. (Parañaque is beside Las Piñas City) since our one year contract in our current home will end October 1st this year. By the first week of August, we were able to secure a three year contract for a house that we liked and in our price budget. We will be moving end of September..

We praise the Lord for the wonderful opportunity to lead five souls to Christ during this time. We are also thankful for all the opportunity God gave us working with my Father's Church in Makati City, Metro Manila.

I also had the opportunity to preach and fill in for a fellow BIMi missionary while he and his wife were on furlough, and was wonderful to see 5 souls receive Christ during our time with them.

Thank you so much for your continual prayer and financial support to our family.

Because of your prayers and support, we are able to fulfill God's calling in our lives in reaching the Filipinos with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless and use you for His glory!

Joyfully Serving Jesus,
John Mark, Kristin, Jaelyn, Jasmine,
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