



THE BERREY FAMILY

Serving the Lord in the
PHILIPPINES

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PRAYER FLARES

This will be a shorter update. Think of it as a Nehemiah-like “prayer flare” sent up—in this case, “sent out”—in the midst of the fight.

Thank you for your prayers for us and for our ministry here in the Philippines. We have seen a number of answers to prayer and have some additional matters for prayer.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

Here are some answered prayers to rejoice over:

- We requested prayer for the salvation of Joshua and Philip. Both have now made professions of faith, and I am teaching them some Bible verses. They have been memorizing verses at our house and were excited in church one Sunday morning when the preacher quoted John 3:16, a verse they both memorized recently.
- BJMBC’s new building passed a recent final inspection of the physical property.
- We have enough funds to pay for the remaining construction bills for the building. This is a matter of great rejoicing!
- We received permission from the city to use our building for graduation on March 30 even without our occupancy permit, since it is just a one-time event. The 2019 batch will be the first class to graduate in the new building.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Some matters for ongoing prayer:

- Please pray that we can get the necessary paperwork through government offices quickly so we can get our occupancy permit. We have never been so close! We only have a couple pieces of paper we still need to work through government offices before we can officially petition for our occupancy permit. I say only, but the issue as always is a bit more complicated. To give you an idea, one piece of paper we need is an amended copy of the Fire Safety Inspection Certification (FSIC). Should be straightforward, right? Well, the fire chief who signed the original FSIC is no longer the fire chief. The new fire chief does not want to sign an amended copy of the original FSIC since he was not the one who inspected the first time. So, pray! Pray we will have wisdom and patience in working through the process. Pray also that God would grant us favor in the eyes of the officials. After all, we are not hiding anything. We have complied with everything they have asked of us and passed every inspection. What we are asking for is right and according to the law.
- Please pray for the Lord’s provision for final outfitting of the building, as we need bunk beds, office chairs, audio-visual equipment, and other assorted items. As the Lord provides, we would like to air condition the chapel and some of the larger classrooms. If you would like a list of specific items and their cost, reply to our email prayer letter and we will send it to you.
- One of our graduating students is from a nearby Restricted Access Nation, and she has three unsaved friends coming to see her graduate. They will probably be staying in our house during their four-day stay (March 30-April 2). Please pray for opportunities to share the Word with them and Spirit boldness to say everything to them that we ought to say.
- Please pray for Pastor David, a former BJMBC student from Myanmar, who will hold a training workshop for pastors and church workers in his country on April 1-5. He is firmly convinced that better equipping will help his fellow ministers better reach out to the many unevangelized Buddhists in their country.
- Lastly, we covet your prayer to be fruitful as a family in both evangelism and discipleship. We need wisdom in speaking to those “without,” and ministering to some “within” who are in need of a genuine spiritual breakthrough. May we all break up our fallow ground and allow the Lord to lead us into greater depths of righteousness.

Thank you so much for your prayers! We can’t do this work without you, your prayers, and the hand of God on our lives.

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