



# THE HURST FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES TO THE Philippines

### 2022 Update Letter # 2

... Ye shall be witnesses unto me Acts 1:8

#### Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

It is a great blessing to see things finally beginning to open back up with children starting to return and more and more visitors coming to church. We praise the Lord that our people realize the importance of assembling ourselves together and did not remain "homebound Christians."

**Strengthening the Men ...** With the Philippines being a matriarchal society, Chris has a burden and desire to strengthen the men of the church. He is teaching and training them to take the lead role, not only in the church but more importantly in their homes. At the beginning of March, Chris had a men's cookout. The men enjoyed grilled burgers along with some friendly competition and encouraging fellowship. Chris focused the Bible study time on leadership in the home, with a number of the men later testifying that God convicted them about their relationships with their wives and children. Please continue to pray for the men of MVBC to be the leaders that God desires them to be.



**Missions emphasis Sunday ...** We believe that missions is the heart of our Saviour. Our World Missions Conference is in November but we had a Missions Emphasis Sunday at the end of March. With the primary focus of that Sunday on local church planting in the Philippines; God allowed us to partner with four national church planters and one to a foreign field. We praise the Lord for increasing the faith and faith promise commitment of our people each year.



**Fruit of Soul winning ...** It has been a blessing to see a number of visitors in our Sunday services because of faithful soul winning. Recently, Ivy approached a woman named Aiko asking if she could share the gospel with her. Ivy and her partner Marjorie were invited into her home so that they could also share with Aiko's husband and two teenage children. Nobody received Christ that day, but the family came to church the following Sunday and each was counselled separately. During the one on one counselling, each of them made individual decisions to receive Christ as their Saviour. Since then they have been participating in Saturday discipleship and attending services on Sunday. Please pray for the Mendoza family for growth, faithfulness and adherence to the Truth. It has been obvious over the past two months that Satan is fighting daily against this family.

**Tournaments ...** April 14th, we had a basketball and volleyball tournament attended by 150 participants, many of them first time visitors. In addition to group preaching most of the first time visitors were counselled one on one with twenty of them professing to receive Christ as their Saviour. Please pray for fruit that remains as our people continue follow up and discipleship with many of those who professed.

**Church Anniversary...** On April 24th, MVBC celebrated thirteen years of being faithful witnesses for Christ. The services were a blessing and encouragement to us and the members; seeing numerous visitors with ten of them receiving Christ as their Saviour.



We appreciate each of you and thank you for your faithful partnership in reaching lost souls here in the Philippines! Thank you for giving and Thank you for Praying!

Christopher and Ivy Hurst

#### Holy Week Evangelism

After spending the day at our tournament, a number of our members still participated in passing out over two thousand John & Romans and Bible tracts to those making the annual pilgrimage to the Antipolo Cathedral. It had been publicly announced as being canceled for the third year, but many still made the walk. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to sow the seed of the Word of God.

#### Prayer Requests

- More souls to be saved, baptized and discipled
- Teachers, interns and students for Metroview Baptist Academy
- Follow up with the many visitors and recent converts
- More Bible Institute students
- Spiritual growth of our people
- Youth Camp and Vacation Bible School

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