



THE HURST FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE

Philippines

2019 Update Letter #1: Jan.—March

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God. - Colossians 1:10

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

A Blessing to be Home... We thoroughly enjoyed our time with family and friends but after six months in the US we are very thankful to be back in the Philippines serving the Lord with our people.

Our theme for 2019 is 'Walk Worthy', encouraging our people to keep their eyes on the Lord; honoring Him everyday and allowing Him to work in them that He can better work through them to reach others.

We hit the ground running with many activities in January and February, including couples fellowships, a youth fellowship and banquet, and a ladies fellowship. We visited each of our members to encourage them in their walk with the Lord and faithfulness to His work. We had the opportunity to talk with a number of people about salvation, baptism and church membership. The Lord gave us the privilege of participating in a Missions Conference and to visit Cebu where Chris was one of the speakers in a Conference.

Soul Winning and Baptisms... Soul-winning is still a vital part of the ministry at MVBC. It is a blessing to see individuals remain faithful to the Lord's Great Commission even when their leader is away.

In February, there were four individuals who followed the Lord in baptism. Em-



mer has been on our prayer list for many years. His wife is a member of MVBC and their daughter is a student in our academy. Doris is currently working overseas and Emmer would periodically come to church with their daughter. Last year he trusted Christ and began bringing Eric to church every Sunday. Benz was also saved last year and has a hunger for the Word of God. He and his wife became members of MVBC in March. Jennifer will be our Second Grade teacher next year and her daughter Nicole has a sweet spirit. Pray for the spiritual growth of each and their families.

Good News Hoops... Each year Evangelist Brent Gellos brings a team of pastors and young men to the Philippines to minister using the game of basketball.



It is always a privilege to host them and to see the Lord use the Filipino's favorite sport to open doors for sharing the Gospel. We had a tournament during the day and a youth rally, for young men and ladies, that evening. Each event had fifty to sixty in attendance. Praise the Lord for the many who prayed to receive Christ as Saviour.

Thank you for faithfully lifting us up in prayer and for those who financially give to the Lord's work here in Antipolo.

Christopher & Ivy Hurst

Praises

- Faithful members taking leadership roles during our furlough.
- Continued spiritual growth in many of our people
- Souls continue to be saved and lives transformed by our Amazing Saviour.
- The Prussia's returned in March from their furlough

Prayer Requests

- Our Bible Institute beginning in June
- Youth Camp decisions that will last
- More souls to be saved, baptized, and discipled
- Spiritual growth of our people
- New families
- More Men
- A faithful, full-time male staff member
- Teachers, interns, administrator and students for our Academy

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