



# THE HURST FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES TO THE

# Philippines

### 2019 Update Letter #4

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3

#### Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

Rainy season is finally coming to an end. We have received an abundance of rain with the government canceling several days of classes because of monsoons and typhoons. The Lord during this time has continually showered us with abundant blessings.

**Responding to God's Word...** Chris has been preaching and teaching about the home and family, and God has been working in hearts. The teachings have included challenging fathers to be the leaders in the home, helping parents to understand Biblical discipline, and the need of quality time with their children. It has been amazing to see how God has been working. Parents of our Academy students were invited and six that were not already attending MVBC came for the Sunday school lessons. Three of those individuals received Christ as their Saviour.

Ms. Minda, a devout Catholic, is the grandmother of a K5 student. We had witnessed to her in her home and she told us that she would never change from her religious beliefs and practices. The seed of God's Word was sown and she came several weeks later for Sunday school. One of our ladies was again able to share the gospel with her and she prayed to receive Christ. After praying she asked what should she do with all of her idols? Praise the Lord for changing hearts. Pray for Ms. Minda as she continues coming to church and learning the truths of God's Word.

Vincent is a new student this year who invited his mom and dad to church. They came for the parenting lessons and also professed to receive Christ. Charity, the mom, has been faithfully attending and has many questions. Pray for the continual working of the Holy Spirit.

Alrey and Nanette, also parents of an Academy student, recently joined the church with Nanette follow-

ing the Lord in baptism. Alrey has been a blessing helping in our public school ministry.



Earlier this year we mentioned our young people who went to camp and the many decisions made. Sean was one of those young men and

his father, Oliver, noticed the changes in his son's life after camp. Oliver's wife and children came to church regularly but he did not. We have been praying for six years for the salvation of Oliver. He began attending regularly and one Sunday raised his hand for salvation. One of our men was able to show him the plan of salvation from the Word of God. Oliver has followed the Lord in Baptism and is growing immensely. Praise the Lord; He answers prayer!

**School Ministries...** God continues to open doors. In September, Chris was able to preach chapel for three Thursday's at the largest High School in our province with almost 12,000 students. Chapel is voluntary and each time we averaged near 60 students. Praise the Lord for nine salvation decisions. Pray that we will be able to continue hold-



ing chapel services and enter another High school. What a blessing to be able to put God's Word in their hands.

We praise the Lord for the great and mighty things that He has accomplished and we thank you for partnering with us in the Lord's work here in the Philippines.

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#### Praises

- Souls saved and lives transformed
- Answered Prayers
- Ministry Opportunities
- Baptisms
- Faithful partners

#### Prayer Requests

- Our Bible Institute
- Our Discipleship Program
- More souls to be saved, baptized, and discipled
- Spiritual growth
- New families
- More men
- A faithful, full-time male staff member or a couple.
- Teachers, interns, administrator and students for our Academy
- DepEd approval of our application for 3rd through 6th grade.
- Ministries in two high schools

