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Missionaries to the:



Philippines

The Jackson Family

Greetings, once again, from Mindanao.

I have just returned from Australia, after a quick visit to attend my mother's funeral. Mum was 87 years old, and had an extended period of poor health prior to her death. The sad part is, she had become gospel hardened over the years, and so am not aware of any profession of salvation.

Here in the church in Panaon, we have had a mixture of blessing and some disappointment these past few months. In February, the husband of one of the faithful ladies at church passed away. He had accepted the Lord as Saviour only a few months earlier, and had been attending church as health permitted. Here, the normal practice is to have a wake at the home of the deceased, prior to burial. At night, there is normally repetitious prayers for the dead to hopefully get the deceased out of purgatory earlier. We were able to have the first "Baptist" funeral (as it was called) in the area, having a service each night in the sala (lounge) next to the coffin. The gospel was presented each night to generally good numbers of people (and accompanied by tracts). The people in the area were shocked that there were no prayers for the dead!!

A few weeks ago, my wife was able to ask some of the young people where they stand before the Lord. A few (4) that had not previously professed to be saved, indicated that they had already accepted the Lord as their Saviour. My wife and I had particularly noticed some change in one of these teens (Jessie - 14y.o). He had been quite a naughty boy, and so were happy about his profession.. Last week, however, he was caught in the act of break and enter, and may be placed in detention at a Dept. of Social welfare and Development facility.. Please pray for him.

The owners of the building I previously mentioned (just 100 metres from our current meeting place), may be willing to sell. I have looked inside, and with some small renovations, would be very suitable for our permanent church building. Please pray if it is the Lord's will, and that we can get it for Filipino price, not white man price. Negotiations and doing the deal can take a lengthy period of time here, and so is, also, a matter of prayer.

We have been, also, preparing for evangelistic film showings during the summer vacation (just started). The goal is to have film showing for different age groups. High School and college/university age being one group, and elementary school age the second. Gen is also hoping to do a couple of free dental clinics at the church during vacation for an outreach. Please pray for these activities.

Family wise, everyone is well, presently (thankfully). The girls have been back at school now for the past two and a half months, and are progressing steadily. They are continuing homeschooling through ACE Australia, so their school year is the same as Australia.

Prayer Requests. Continued good health and protection for the family.
For the evangelistic film showings and dental clinics during summer vacation.
For Jessie and his case through the DSWD
For good spiritual growth of the newly saved.
The Lord's will for the building.

Thank you for all your prayers and support. We truly do appreciate them, and pray for "fruit that may abound to your account."

Yours in His service,
Bro Graham, Geni & family

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