

The Mindanao Report



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Staying Steady

The work on our building project is still very slow - the beginning construction work on our house was only partially completed. Sometimes we run out of funding, and other times we have to fire "bad workers". This month we had to do both. We had a significant amount of flooding from the rain come into our rental house, and ended up replacing the whole kitchen. Also a good deal of time was spent going back and forth to the mechanic.

However, we are currently meeting in what we call my "office" (a 20' x 15' space) and conducting Sunday services there. I also began teaching Bible classes in Cebuano, and it is going very well! I taught on reading and studying the Bible along with turning to all of the various scriptures on the subject and reading them with a little bit of explanation. This helps the new Bible students get used to turning in their Bibles and seeing what God has to say about any given subject. It is a great blessing to see the joy that comes with their understanding of the word of God!

Because the school year is over for now, I am taking the opportunity to work on language, and doing a bit of writing and assembling teaching material for the Filipinos. Please pray the Lord would bless all of our efforts to reach the souls of El Salvador! Our neighbours are quite jealous and give us hassle as much as they can even if they are friendly to our face. We pay into a group fund to use the water from their well and many times they don't turn it on for a whole day. They recently accused us of wasting water, and that we were the reason other people didn't get enough water! Unfortunately for them, this accusation was unfounded, because the people who aren't getting enough water aren't getting their water from the same source as us. We pray for their salvation.

Please also pray for the owner of the land - we have a contract with her to pay a certain amount every month for purchase, but she is upset we are building on the property and not paying her more. She thinks because we have more money, we should give it to her instead of using the property we bought! Pray that none of these things will have any lasting effect on the work here, and also pray we will be able to get our well dug, as the local authorities keep putting "road blocks" in our way for that as well...

There are currently plans in the works to start many new ministries this next month, and I am praying the Lord will open the doors for us to preach in many places. The only thing that was stopping me before was the lack of language - there is little to no English here. Please pray the Lord will open the doors of opportunity as they come. God bless!

In Christ Jesus, The White Family