



THE PATTON FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Praise the Lord! We have made it safely to the Philippines. We have had an amazing month and a half being here thus far. Sorry that we not able to get a prayer letter out last month, but we are thankful we have been able to adjust very fast to the time difference and culture here. We wanted to thank everyone who has prayed for us the last couple of months as we have made this transition to being on the field. It is a blessing to finally be here. In this letter, we will briefly highlight all that has gone on these last few weeks as we began working full-time here in the ministry.

We flew out on September 13th. After twenty-four hours of travels, we landed in Bacolod, Negros Occidental, Philippines. We spent a few days overcoming jet-lag and buying necessities before we officially moved into our rental house on September 17th.

We have enjoyed meeting and getting to know the members of the church here in Talisay. We are grateful and wanted to say a big thank you to Pastor Marco and his family for helping us adjust during this time. They daily give us advice and tips for living here and working through culture shock.

I had the opportunity to begin teaching in the Bible college here. It has been a blessing being a part of teaching and training workers for the ministry. I pray that God will continue to use me to be an asset for Him.

My wife and I also have to privilege of working with the teens on Friday nights. We can see potential in the young people. We are getting to know each teenager and their specific needs. We pray that their willingness to serve the Lord will result in their families coming to Christ. Each week, we have a food and fellowship. I teach a Bible lesson. Currently, we are in a series "God is for You" taken from Romans 8:31. Then, we end the night with some games. We pray that this weekly meeting will grow in fruit and future servants for Christ.

Weekly soul winning has been a blessing for me as I get to walk the streets, familiarize myself with the area, and see souls being lead to Christ. We still have some adjusting to do with the language. I try to be a support to those witnessing because I want to make sure those being witnessed to can understand thoroughly. It is a blessing we can use English conversationally, but there is still a barrier that will take some time to work through.

On a more personal note, we have had a wonderful time learning the cultural differences of the Philippines from that of the States. Thankful, God was able to help us find and secure a decent vehicle. I am learning to drive here which is basically a free-for-all. I know some Americans whose driving would fit in perfectly here in Talisay.

My family and I want to thank you for your support and prayers. We feel pretty settled into our home now, but there are still things we are learning about this country and its people every day. There are ministry differences that we are still getting used to. Overall, we know that God is faithful! His will has never led us astray! We are grateful to be here. There is no place like the center of God's will. Please continue to pray for souls to be saved and for the people here to grow spiritually. Lastly, I have update our contact info at the bottom with our Philippine phone number - in case any pastor or staff member needs to get in touch with us (the number is used with iMessage so it will not be charge for international text messaging). May God bless you and your church!

Serving the Lord with gladness,

The Pattons - Nathan, Marissa, and Landon

