

THE PATTON FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO BACOLOD CITY, PHILIPPINES

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

These last few months have been a whirlwind. Sorry we did not get our prayer out last month. This prayer letter and the next one will also be a quarterly update.

May started out with friends of ours, Tyler and Jhodssie Fisher, hosting a Bible club featuring puppets. They put on a puppet show for the children with an emphasis on God being the only one who can save us from the filth of sin. We watched 70 children and a few adults squeeze into our yard for a lesson, songs, short gospel message, giveaways, and food. We also continued our weekly Bible studies and discipleships. We met a few first time visitors and prayerfully look forward to seeing them again.

We were greatly encouraged at the end of May and beginning of June when Pastor Shiflett, Mrs. Grace, and Zane came to visit Bacolod. Also joining them was a sweet couple (the Rodgers) from our home church as well. Pastor Shiflett taught our midweek Bible study, and Marissa got to sing with her parents. Then, we hosted a Bible club in the neighborhood near our home. We were blown away when over 200 children and adults came! Marissa shared a story with them and the gospel was presented with the help of some local friends. Although it was blazing hot, our spirits and hearts were blessed by the overwhelming turnout.

At the beginning of June, we had the privilege of being a part of the Calvary Baptist Church missions trip. During the trip, I preached at a youth camp in Lipa City along with Pastor Shiflett and Bro. Josh Goetzinger. There were many teens who received Christ as Savior that day! Near the end of the trip, God allowed me to teach a session to the teens and young adults. Saying goodbye to the group at the end of the week was hard, but we're thankful to be a part of that trip with them.

In July, we started our first Sunday Bible studies. Our attendance over the past weeks has varied from three people to twenty-five people. We are praying that God brings in those we've been trying to reach. We want to see souls saved. We have a language barrier at times, but we are working on learning the Ilonggo language. Some who have been faithfully attending the Wednesday Bible study haven't been saved yet although we have presented the gospel many times. We're praying for them to surrender to the Lord and let go of whatever is holding them back. One of those weeks, we baptized one of our men that has



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been coming since almost the beginning. He had been saved for a long time, but was never part of a church and never was scripturally baptized. He was excited and thankful for his growth in the Lord.

Lastly, we hosted a “Back to School” Bible club on July 27th. Over 120 kids and even some parents attended to receive the school supply giveaway bags. Each bag had various school supplies and tracts for parents and children. This day was an amazing experience.

God is slowly opening doors to new ministry opportunities as we continue to grow this new church plant. Thank you for your continued support financially and prayerfully for our ministry. We have a few unspoken requests that burden our hearts at this time. We can feel the prayers of God’s people from across the miles. My wife and I cannot count the messages we get telling us of the prayers you’re sending to our family. We’re grateful. God bless.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
The Patton’s

