

The Gormleys

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Your Missionaries to the Philippines



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Summer has come to an abrupt end and the rainy season seems to be hitting hard and fast. Summer is one of the happiest and busiest times of the year for the ministry and this year was no exception. We want to give you just a glimpse into all of the excitement and update you on a few major areas of progress that have been made in several different ministries. Thank God for his goodness to us!

Progress in the Transition: Pastor Edgar and his wife Miriam are doing an amazing job! We have transitioned with new deacons, new leadership positions and a new Sunday school program for social and family issues from a Bible perspective. Members are growing in wisdom while renewing faithfulness for worship, faith promise giving, and zealous participation in all areas of ministry. We are looking forward to many more years of disciple makers who strive to live life for Christ; not just members who 'do' church on Sundays.

Progress Sparked at Single Vision and Youth Camp: Pastor Brent Stancil and his team from Community Bible Baptist Church facilitated our first Single Vision Conference. Immediately following Single Vision we kicked off Teen Camp. These meetings sparked a renewed desire in young adults for the things of God and making life choices based on His will. While not all of the young people were able to attend these events, our prayer is that those who did attend and make great decisions will be a spark that will catch on fire with other young adults. If we do not get these groups grounded in their faith and commitment to Christ, there is no hope for the future of our church. Please pray that they will find satisfaction in living for Christ more than living for the pleasures of this world.

Progress through Vacation Bible School: We thank the LORD for the great partnership and team effort of our church families in the success of our 3-day Vacation Bible School. Bringing the love of Jesus to some 630 children and telling them of the Savior. We had a more than 100 salvation decisions and many faithful returnees. We were thrilled with 4 teens in particular that attended camp the following week, faithful in attending church and are now being mentored in discipleship lessons and Sunday school. Thankful for hard working volunteers!

Progress and Departures out of the Bible Institute: For many years we have maintained a small Bible Institute focusing on hands on training for students while getting their Bible education. In the last few months we have sent out several of these students. Please pray for Victor and Gladys Samson; a great family that has been part of our ministry for many years and were commissioned as missionaries to Vietnam in April. In May, we held the ordination of Pastor Randy Limbaring and his church commissioning to Towerville Resettlement. And finally, Bro. John Denver Florece was commissioned to the island of Bohol, Philippines to work with another graduate, Pastor Rackson Suico. These are all hard-working, dedicated members of the church with sincere love for Christ; we had bitter-sweet feelings as their absence will leave great voids in our ministry. However, we are hopeful that these voids might catalyze great stirrings of growth among members and bring more dedicated servants and new members that we trust will be added by the LORD.

Progress and Development for Bahay Sibol Children's Home: In April, our first baby (David, who came to us in November of 2015), joined his forever home. Tears flowed in the church service that was dedicated to the transfer of parental rights from Bahay Sibol to the Sanchez family. We saw firsthand how adoption vividly portrays the spiritual adoption we have in Christ. We currently have 18 children in our home and look forward to uniting more children to families that God has specifically for them. We are in real need of full time workers for this ministry: house parents, teachers, helpers, etc. If you know of anyone who has considered long term missions, please put them in contact with us through our Facebook page.

The ground breaking for construction of our ministerial outreach center took place in May. Here we plan to have a free child care center for single moms in need, a tutorial center for out of school youth and most importantly, Hope Baptist Church. Although we are short of the funds needed for completion, we are expectant that God will provide in order to see this project completed by October 2018. Pray for HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH!

Progress in Church Planting: April 1st saw the birth of the Apawan Village Calvary Baptist Mission. We were honored to have Dr. Joseph D. Fortna with us for the start of a new church in Barangay Loma de Gato, Bulacan. Please pray that we may purchase the land (\$20,000) for this new church plant as soon as possible, that we might be able to build our own permanent building.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We are honored to represent you here in the Philippines! **The Gormleys**

