

The Joshua McClure Family

THIRD GENERATION BAPTIST MISSIONARIES TO THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Dear Support Team,

I know **God answers prayer**. I know God uses all kinds of things and people to answer His children's prayer requests. I have been teaching through the last several months to our church that God not only listens but it pleases Him to answer our prayer requests. I would like to share some of that with you, as well.

God cares for His kids and He, like any loving father, wants to provide, protect and please us but He also longs for our obedience so that He can bless us abundantly. God can be trusted and He wants us to trust Him so He tells us to prove Him. One way to prove Him is to give tithes & offerings (Mal. 3:8-10; Luke 6:38; 1 Cor. 16:1-2 & 2 Cor. 9:6-15), another way is to take all your cares to Him because He cares (Phil. 4:4-9; 1 Pet. 5:7-8), and yet another is simply asking Him "... whatsoever ye would." (Matt. 6 & 7; John 14:9-14; 15:16; 16:23-27 & 1 John 5:13-15).

John 16:24 "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

Just after my wife and I arrived in Saipan back in 2019, I rather enjoyed stringing up my hammock and sitting outside underneath a couple palm trees in our yard to do my devotions and talk with God. Sadly, one of those **palm trees appeared to have died** as there were no green leaves on it and it was wilting. I no longer tied my hammock up and found this to be somewhat grievous. I read in Matthew 6 & 7 how **God takes care of His creation** and He would take care of me, I just need to ask. Therefore, I prayed for that palm tree, of no eternal significance but still I prayed for my benefit. **God heard that prayer and healed the tree**. It is still alive today and it is a testimony that God hears His kids and takes care of His creation.

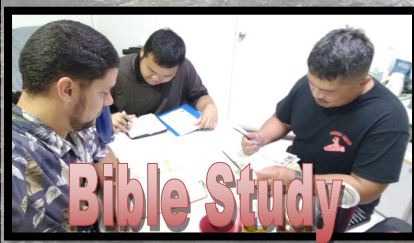
Another similar story is that of some puppies I was praying God would provide. In late 2021 it became evident that we were going to need some dogs for our property to help be a warning system to alert me of unwanted visitors. I therefore, began to pray specifically, if it was the Lord's will, that He would provide me with a pair of puppies that were siblings so I could train them and grow them up here. My family and I went to the shelter here and went searching but couldn't find what I was looking for. I then just gave it to God and figured if He wanted us to have them then He would send them my way. On October 1, 2022, **two wild puppies** wandered onto our property, I started feeding them and now we have two nice dogs. **God sent them because I asked**.

Finally, does God answer prayers? You'd better believe it! I have been witnessing to a man named **Patrick Rodeo** for about 2 years and have been praying that he would want to have Bible studies and learn of his need and get saved. He runs his own trash business and every now and then I would make sure I was out there early in the morning to make sure I would catch him and talk for a while if possible or at least offer him some water or something. He is a professing Atheist raised Catholic and has been watching my life for the last several years. He now wants to see why I am so different from the Catholics that say the same stuff and say they follow the Bible. Thank the Lord, Jongil and I have been having personal Bible studies with him since November. **Keep praying for Mr. Rodeo's salvation. God answers prayers.**

Keep praying for **your** neighbors and **your** family. Keep praying that God will give **you** the opportunity to witness to someone and lead them to a saving faith in Christ. And remember that they are watching your life, so live it too! God is answering prayers and we are so thankful and blessed to be in His service out here. God bless you.

Gratefully,

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