

Christ is Risen!

These three incredible words have so much power packed into them. Easter is the time to reflect on Jesus's insanely deep love for us and his incredible goodness. It's humbling to think that the creator of our universe humbled himself to become the ultimate sacrifice for us. Could there ever be a more significant way to show how deeply our God desires to be in relationship with us mere mortals? He is most definitely our loving Father and we are eternally thankful for his gracious love.



We are preparing for our first Easter here in Florida and what it looks like to celebrate the most significant Christian holiday. The stateside version of Easter is vastly different from the Philippines. We notice our neighbors hanging bunny shaped décor on their doors and adorning their porches with pastel eggs thus, making Easter seem whimsical. While in the Philippines, our neighbors did not take the Hallmark approach to Easter, but rather they saw Easter as the marking of how they could do their own sacrificial works to make their lives right with God. People walk the distance of the city to a church, where Mother Mary was believed to have appeared, to show their devotion and willingness to sacrifice for their faith. Some even go so far as to beat themselves, so their own blood will drip as a sign of atonement for their sins. It is so apparent, whether here, or overseas that our world is in dire need of the true understanding of Easter. Bunnies and beatings will not get anyone into a right relationship with God. It's seeing man's misunderstanding of this holiday that is a visual reminder of how important the work of Bible translation is.

We are so thankful that we get to be a part of Bible translation and reaching the lost for Christ. People need to hear the truth and it's only in their mother tongues that it will resonate with their hearts. You are a part of this and we thank you for linking arms with us to support Bible translation.

We pray that as you celebrate this holiday that you would grow closer and closer to Jesus and that his sacrifice would be on the forefronts of your minds.

Happy Easter!

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