

Taking The Light To Leyte



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Dear Pastor and Praying Partners,

We pray that you are having a fruitful new year!!! We praise the Lord for his continued blessings on our family and the ministry here as we ended another year. We spent our Christmas this year in the hospital with Emily for a week. She began having high fever and some other complications, so she was initially admitted for dehydration and a urinary tract infection, but after being admitted discovered that she had bronchitis and dengue fever. With the dengue fever there is no medication that can be given, it is just a matter of keeping the person very hydrated and waiting as their platelet level drops. It takes many days as the virus runs its course, but we praise the Lord that her platelet level never dropped dangerously low. Thank you for those who pray faithfully for us; she is back to good health now!

On November 8th, we celebrated 5 years of God's goodness to us since Typhoon Haiyan destroyed our city. It is always a sober time of year, as we reflect on what God allowed us to go through, and how He provided each step of the way. This year, we had a video presentation of people retelling their story about that fateful day. Even though it has been 5 years, we could not help but sit and weep as we recalled God's protection that day and His provision afterwards.

On November 18th, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the main church in Tacloban. The Lord called my dad, Howard Wynn, to come here over 39 years ago. The previous missionary, Leslie Funk, had just organized the church in 1979, and our family arrived in time for the second anniversary, and the Lord has allowed our family to minister here since that time. It is exciting to be a part of the second generation that has come up in the church, and to see the families that have been in the ministry all these years now bringing their grandchildren to church. "Be not weary in well doing, for in due season, ye shall reap if ye faint not!" God gave us a wonderful group that Sunday with over 80 first-time visitors. One of the ladies, Sherra, that attended is a mother of Jacob's classmate at school. Since then she has gotten saved, been discipled, and just joined the church by way of baptism!!

Our young adults class had been having competitions throughout the end of 2018. They had various competitions each month, and also earned points for Scripture memorization and bringing visitors. At the end of the year Althea won the award for bringing 30 first-time visitors to church from July-Dec!!!

God answers prayers!!!! In our last prayer letter we asked you to pray that God would provide the funds to build a dormitory for the workers/counselors at Camp Victory. We were amazed at how God provided not only enough money to build the dorm, but enough to make some restrooms and showers for this dorm and enough to remodel our kitchen. And in a couple of weeks we have a construction group of 15 men from Temple Baptist Church in Herndon, VA coming to do the construction!!! We are so excited to see how God provided for this not just with prayers and money but also the manpower to get the job done!!

We mentioned in our last prayer letter about Rose Anne, a new mother in Rizal, who had just trusted Christ as her Savior. As Christi witnessed to Rose Anne that Saturday, she did not know that her mother-in-law, Rosario, was in another room listening. The next Saturday as Christi came back for another Bible study, Rosario came out and explained that she had listened the week before and agreed with what Christi had taught Rose Anne, and that she wanted to hear more. She was hesitant at first to attend a "Baptist" church, because she was apart of a different religion before. She said that she knows she accepted Christ years ago, but her church did not have a church on our island. She even wrote several letters to the church she had been apart of in Manila, asking them to start a church on Leyte, so she could attend! Christi shared with her that if she truly knew Christ, then she needed to attend a church that preached the Word of God. She finally decided in November to "try" our church, and since then she has not missed a Sunday, and has even brought her children and others with her to church. Pray as she continues to go through discipleship lessons that she would continue to grow and become a part of the church.

Our furlough will be from July 2019 - January 2020, please email us if you would like for us to come by!!

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