



## *The Akers Family* *Missionaries to the* *Philippines*

*January 2024*

**All about Us:** Our family recently had another new addition – James and Tara Dohrmann had their 4<sup>th</sup> son, Hudson Jewell Dohrmann on Thanksgiving Day! What a joy it was as Tammy, and I got the privilege of seeing this boy on his first day of life. This is rare for us, as we are generally unavailable for ministry reasons. We praise the Lord for our seventh grandchild and rejoice with James and Tara who have given us another little one to treasure.

**Keep Praying:** For the **Indian Ocean Initiative**, Global Surge is engaged in training new missionaries and helping them to raise funding to go to the mission field, Global Surge is also actively seeking funding for the **IOI** in first world Asian nations, i.e. with Baptist groups in Korea, Japan Taiwan Singapore, and Australia. Would you help us, would your church be willing to sponsor a cross cultural missionary from the Philippines to go to Asia or Africa. **2.** Please pray for Tammy's health concerns. **3.** Please pray for Roger who sick for most of the holidays in 2023 and is on the mend and going back to the Philippines soon. I apologize for the lateness of the letter that usually comes out in December.

**Exciting Events:** **"Divergent" Youth Camps 2024** has started; camps will be ongoing until the end of May. Pray with us that many will come to know Jesus as Savior this camp season in the Philippines. **2. Antioch Baptist Church** in Cainta Rizal is celebrating our **18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month**. Pstr Joel Suaiso (the 5<sup>th</sup> to pastor @ Antioch) leads this congregation well, our first church plant as missionaries started in 2006 out of Community Baptist Church in Pasig.

**Rest of our Needs:** **1.** Yes - we still need motorcycles for pastors - **\$2000** will still buy a pastor a motorcycle. **2.** Would you be willing to start a new church plant with Global surge? A three-year commitment of \$6000 per year will launch a new church. **3.** Antioch is undergoing a facelift on its interior space – would you be willing to donate \$200-\$500 to these projects? **4.** Roger needs a newer vehicle in Manila - \$12-13,000 is needed to provide transportation.

**Sing Praise to God:** Pastor Marlon Peraguin was the first national pastor at Antioch Baptist Church in Cainta, he is a black belt, and later became a successful church planter in Mandaluyong in Central Manila and has led his congregation well for ten years. Marlon is married and is the father of two children. He is also a successful camp speaker and has led many to the Lord through his church and as an evangelist. Praise the Lord for his faithfulness.

*Praise the Lord!*

*Thanks for your partnership!*

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