



MISSIONARIES TO THE PHILIPPINES

March-May 2018

Dear Brethren at Open Door:

Summer it seems is upon us with very little spring between it and winter. But we are glad to be having some warm weather. It makes us think we are back in the Philippines instead of Mississippi. 😊

Two weeks ago 25 of our young people attended a youth camp in the mountains of Luzon (the island on which Manila is located). They were joined with the youth from several other churches. Four (4) of these young made professions of faith, one (1) made a commitment of dedication to the Lord, and one (1) made a decision to be baptized. We praise God for Him working in the lives of these young people for whom we have been praying for a long time.

It is time for school classes to begin in the Philippines and Precepts has an enrollment this year of 40 students. The enrollment has decreased because we are phasing out the high school and the public schools are not offering kindergarten that is free. Things are looking up for the school as far as the Department of Education is concerned. They are now encouraging us to take steps to get the school recognized by the government and have been a great help to get that started and processed. **Pray for this** as it would greatly enhance the stature of the school in the community and make it more appealing to parents. Pray, also, for a good teacher to replace Virginia, as she was teaching some vital subjects in the school.

Both of the churches, Bethel Baptist Church and Blessed Baptist Church are doing well. They had a overnight family outing the first of May at a nearby Christian resort. It was a time for family bonding, sessions on family life, games, and relaxation. **Please continue to pray** for our church staff there. Their names are Redentor (fill-in pastor), Beth, Virgie, Marifen, and Irma.

Virginia's brother, James, is very ill with many physical problems including prostate cancer. **Please pray for him.** Virginia has opportunity a few weeks ago to talk to him about his relationship with the Lord. **Pray for his salvation and his physical needs.** We would really like to see him saved before he succumbs to this disease.

We are still available to come and share with you what God has done and is doing in the ministry God has given us in Philippines of which you are a great part. Please call us at the numbers below or message us through Facebook or our email. We appreciate so much your support and prayers. May God continue to bless you for your love for Him, His Word, and us His servants. We must continue until He comes. Thank you for the support of \$ 60- in February, for the \$ 60- in March, for the \$ 60- in April and for the support of \$ 60- in May.

FOR CHRIST ALONE,

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February 2018

Dear Brethren at OPEN DOOR:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We trust you are experiencing the blessings of God in the New Year and rejoicing in the great love He has for each of us.

Your prayers for me in my recent surgery and the complications that ensued are so greatly appreciated. I have almost fully recovered from it since arriving in the States on December 21. It was a blessing to be able to spend Christmas with my wife, children, and grandchildren. This is the first full furlough we have had since 2010 and are so glad for the respite as Virginia and I both have health issues we need to address. Please pray with us about these and some important decisions we need to make.

We were blessed to be invited to participate in the missions conference at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Jacksonville, TX in mid-January. It was a great refreshing to see God still calling young couples to places where the gospel has not yet been taken and to meet other veteran missionaries that have "stayed by the stuff" for many long years. God is still yearning for the lost to come to Him and be saved.

About two weeks ago, four of our elementary students made professions of faith. We had been praying for these, specifically, for a long time. Also, in our outreach (Blessed Baptist Church) a three-day evangelistic meeting was held in January. Although no professions of faith were made, several contacts were made and these are being followed-up. Please continue to pray for this work and Bethel Baptist Church. We are currently looking for a Filipino pastor to take over this work.

May God continue to bless you for your love for Him, His Word, and us His servants. We must continue until He comes. Thank you for the support of \$ 60- in December, and for the support of \$ 60- in January.

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Christmas 2017

Bro. Schaffer & family,

May the wonders of His birth fill you with
joy...thankfulness...praise!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

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