



Dear Brethren:

Serving the Lord in the Philippines has been one of the greatest blessings of our lives, and we are grateful for your partnership in carrying the gospel to the Filipino people and enabling us to start and establish New Testament Baptist Churches.

Since returning to the States last October (Virginia) and me in December because of illness, we have prayed for direction from the Lord as to what He would have us do next. After much praying, we feel that it is God's will that we retire from a physical involvement in the work in the Philippines.

However, God has led us to continue aiding the spread of the Gospel in the Philippines through providing good, biblically sound Sunday School and educational literature to the Filipino pastors and churches there at a minimal cost to them. Our reason behind this is our belief that a good educational arm of a church strengthens it, and therefore, equips the believer in his faith and daily walk with Christ.

Also, my wife and I have written three Gospel tracts in the Filipino language. Two of these have been copyrighted in the Philippines and we have used them for several years. The copyright on the third one is pending. We are in the process of securing a copyright for them here in the States. A ministry in Florida has already printed 75,000 for us and they have been shipped to the Philippines for churches and Christians to use. We will continue to do this as long as God allows

Virginia has served in the Philippines for 44 years with most of that time spent in teaching in the church and in our Christian school in the Tagalog language. It has been our observation and experience that there is a great need for good and organized Sunday School material. With my wife's background and both our knowledge of the Filipino language, we feel that God is now leading us in the direction of a ministry that would help Filipino pastors in this area. We would translate Sunday School material my wife has written and compiled over the years and make this available to the pastors. We would also acquire Sunday School material here in the States and organize it into a year long program and ship it to the Philippines for them.

Your continued support would be a great blessing to us in accomplishing this new work into which God is leading us. However, we fully understand if you feel that God would have you use it for a missionary who is active on the field.

Your faithfulness to support us through the years has been of great encouragement to us, Your sacrifice, love, and prayers for us is surely a manifestation of your burden for souls and your desire to see the world reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We would like to show our thanks for your faithful support through the years by coming to your church to tell you in person, if you can work us into your schedule.

*For Christ Alone,*

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