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to the

# PHILIPPINES



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Dear Family and Praying Friends,

In spite of COVID in the world today, God is still moving and working here in the Philippines. We found that after three months of lockdown, March, April, and May that the people came back to church with a new zeal for the Lord. They had missed church and wanted to be there. During the last 4 months we had visitors every week. We also saw more people saved and baptized per week than we had in the year 2019. Now, in October, we are back in lockdown and people are not allowed to attend church. We are praying that when it is lifted that people will return with the same zeal and spirit that they had after the first three months of quarantine.

At the end of August, Westside Bible Institute was able to re-open classes for its 6<sup>th</sup> year. Like everything else classes have been temporarily suspended because of the lockdown. It was exciting to see the graduates of the Bible institute take leadership positions in the church and serve the Lord in a new capacity during the four months that we were able to have church. Also, two mission works: Sanito Baptist Church in Ipil and Salug Valley Baptist Church in Molave, were able to start their Bible Institute programs during that four month period. The purpose of these Bible institutes is to help the members of the church grow in their Christian life. If God gets a hold of their hearts and calls them to serve full time in the ministry during their training in the institute that is an extra blessing.

Although we had a plan to begin classes for Westside Baptist College of Ministries on August 3, the provincial borders did not open to allow the passage of students from their perspective provinces to travel to Dipolog. So, please prayer for Pastor Rice, the missionary that we are working with, that God will give him wisdom in the decisions he has to make regarding the Bible college. Provincial borders are still closed and the students still can not return here for college. Public schools and secular institutions are dealing with the problem with modular techniques or on-line classes. During August we were able to start our kindergarten with K4 and K5 in which we have 10 students enrolled. That has also been temporarily suspended due to the lockdown. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to have this kind of influence on these young lives.

As for the quarantine, all restaurants are closed to dine-in, but are available for take-out or delivery. Some businesses are closed. With the new lockdown restrictions in October it has become more difficult to leave town. You must get a medical certificate, police clearance and barangay clearance and that only last a few days. If it is beyond that time limit you must be quarantined for 14 days upon return. Just getting around town we must wear face masks and face shields.

Thank you again for your faithful financial and prayer support through the years. So, in spite of what Satan is trying to throw at us, God is still in charge and we trust His wisdom.

Yours for Souls in the Philippines,

**DAN AND BETH**