



THE **HURST** FAMILY
MISSIONARIES TO THE
Philippines

2019 Update Letter #5

**O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; ... make known his deeds among the people.
Psalm 105:1**

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is past and we are already well into the month of December. We look back at this year and realize that we truly have so much to thank the Lord for. Below we desire to "make known his deeds among the people."

Answered Prayers... As we review our list of praises and prayer requests, we can only say "Thank You Lord and To God be the Glory!" for His many answered prayers throughout this year. Even as God has answered and provided we continue praying for these listed areas. We also thank you for your continual prayer for us and the ministry.

The **Bible Institute** (BI) has been a matter of prayer for several years and finally became a reality in June of 2019 with 16 registered students. There are twelve that have continued faithfully. We praise the Lord for the BI and the impact it has had on the lives, involvement and spiritual maturity of each of the students. We continue to pray for more students, especially men, and for the Lord to strengthen those involved that they will faithfully continue.

Our **Discipleship** program has continued to grow and this year was changed to Thursday evenings during the time of our Prayer meeting. We praise the Lord for the many that are currently involved in the program, and the eleven that have completed their study and are beginning to disciple others. We continue to pray that more will be faithful to complete the program, continue growing in their relationship with the Lord, and also teach others; 2 Timothy 2:2.

We praise the Lord for how He has **grown** the ministry this year spiritually and numerically. We have prayed continually for more families and especially more men. We have seen God answer by bringing

families to the church and also several men being saved and baptized throughout this year.

A Full-time staff member continues to be a matter of prayer. **God has given us an intern**, Jecko, who has been a great blessing. He is a Bible student from another church and is with us for four months. We also look forward to an intern from the US who will be joining us in January. We are excited to see how God will grow and use her in His work.

Two of our young ladies will be graduating with Education degrees next year and **have agreed to teach** at the Academy. They both are very involved and doing a great job in our children's ministries. We are grateful for the Lord's provision and look forward to them being full time next school year. We continue praying for an administrator and American teachers to work in the school ministry.

Our Public school ministries have been a tremendous blessing and we praise the Lord for allowing us to **schedule additional chapel services** at the High school, as well as teaching Values Education in the elementary school. Please continue to pray for these opportunities into the new year.

We praise the Lord for the great and mighty things that He has accomplished and we thank you for partnering with us in the Lord's work here in the Philippines. What a privilege and blessing to serve the Creator of the universe and to see Him work in and through insignificant people like us to accomplish His will. God truly is so good all the time!

From our family to yours, we wish each of you a Very Merry Christ centered Christmas and we are excited about what God has in store for 2020.

Christopher & Ivy Hurst

Praises

- Souls saved and lives transformed
- Answered Prayers
- Ministry Opportunities
- Baptisms
- Faithful partners

Prayer Requests

- Our Bible Institute
- Our Discipleship Program
- More souls to be saved, baptized, and discipled
- Spiritual growth
- New families
- More men
- A faithful, full-time male staff member or a couple.
- Teachers, interns, administrator and students for our Academy
- DepEd approval of our application for 3rd through 6th grade.
- Ministries in two high schools

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