



THE HURST FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE

Philippines

2020 Update Letter #5

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. — Psalm 100:5

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

Closed Borders but Open Doors... Indeed God is so good! We are thankful for everything that the Lord is doing in spite of COVID-19. The Philippines still has rising cases and is closed to international visitors but local restrictions are slowly being reduced. We are visiting and inviting people and seeing the Lord transform lives of all ages.

Newest Members... Last school year Manny and Charm enrolled their son in our kindergarten program. They began noticing many positive changes in Vincent and periodically attended our church services. The Gospel was shared with Manny and he received Christ. They also attended our fellowships and Bible study. Ivy and I have been able to spend time discipling them. Last month Manny was one of four individuals who followed the Lord in baptism and together Manny and Charm have joined MVBC desiring to serve their Lord and Saviour.



Rocky and the Rice store... Rocky and Jane, members of MVBC, opened a Rice store connected to their home. Jane is a teacher so Rocky watches over the store which is located on a road with heavy foot traffic. Rocky has a burden for souls and a big heart for young people. Almost every afternoon he is conducting a Bible study with four to six young people. Many of them have received Christ and attended church. Jasper (above) and Phobe followed the Lord in baptism last month.



Fruitful Follow up... For the October ladies fellowship, one of our members, Maribel, invited two of her neighbor's, Tonya and Vangie. They came but, because of their work, left early. No one had the opportunity to share the Gospel with them. Ivy and I went to visit them but were only able to see Vangie. We shared the Gospel and she joyfully prayed to receive Christ. She has been faithfully attending since and brought her thirteen year old son who also received Christ.

Walking and Talking... Most mornings Ivy and I go out walking inside our subdivision. It is good exercise but also a great way to meet people and share the Gospel. Each time we carry Bible tracts with us, passing them out to all those we see. One morning in September we handed a tract to Jun, a retired military officer. He looked at it and began asking about our church; he asked if he could attend and the next Sunday was outside our gate an hour early. After the service one of our men shared the gospel with him and he prayed to receive Christ. Every Sunday since he is outside our door 45 minutes to an hour early ready to worship the Lord. Pray for Jun and his discipleship but also for his son's (Andrew) salvation.

Answered Prayer... In our previous Update we asked for prayer for a young man named Ivan. Ivan is 14 and one of six children abandoned by their mother. He spent five years living in an orphanage. For the past year he has been with extended family but struggling with his attitude and behaviour. We have had him to our home a few times to help with some chores but also just to spend time with him. We believe that Ivan finally understood God's love for him and received Christ as his Saviour. Ivan was one of the four baptized last month. Please continue to pray for his spiritual growth.



Prayer Requests... Please continue to pray for each of the individuals listed throughout this Update; they are all very young in their faith. Please pray for our Academy as everything is conducted through videos and online. Pray for more open doors to share the gospel and wisdom for children's ministries.

We Praise the Lord for His provision and protection throughout this year. We praise Him for answered prayer such as the salvation of Ivan and others. God has truly been so good, even in the midst of the trials and challenges of 2020.

We want to wish each of you a Happy and Joyous Thanksgiving. We are praying for America, each of you, your churches and especially for you Pastors during these challenging times. Please let us know how we can specifically be praying for you.

Thank you for your faithful partnership! We appreciate your prayers and financial support.

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