



THE PATTON FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

We are truly grateful for all who faithfully and prayerfully support us. We are excited to announce the arrival of our son, Logan Michael Patton born 6/19/23. We are praising the Lord for a healthy baby and Mom. God answered many prayers for this birth, and we're thankful all went well! We had a great team of doctors and wonderful care from the hospital here. We enjoyed a two week visit from Marissa's mom, Mrs. Grace Shiflett. It was a joy to show her around and let her be a part of our weekly ministries. She was a blessing after Logan's birth, and we already cannot wait for her next visit.

In the last two months, our school ministry outreach has grown. We are blessed to have a couple and one of our single young ladies here helping us do a majority of the translating and assisting with witnessing. We started in one small high school and were able to preach the gospel in all of the classrooms. Through this one school, we've seen teens saved and baptized and faithfully attending church. We have seen many who are ready to grow and get involved. Please pray that God will continue to work in their hearts. Another prayer is that we will get into the largest high school in Talisay. This school has several thousand students! We hope to have a steady schedule, allowing us to go teach and preach the Bible in the classrooms.

In Wednesday night teen class, we just finished going through our discipleship program. Although it is a 12-week course, it took us about 6 months to complete. We took more time in each chapter to ensure that the young people thoroughly understood the lessons. Many completed the weekly worksheets and are actively growing and being used in ministry. We pray that God will continue to bless them. Some of these teens attend and are involved in church without support from parents or siblings. Pray that they continue to be a witness to their families. Some young people are often shunned because of their faith.

Summer break is only about a month and a half long. During this time, we have events planned for our young people. Some will be attending a youth conference south of our island, about a six hour drive through the mountains. Pray for safety and that the Lord will work in that conference. One event we will be hosting is our youth camp (similar to day camp). There will be activities and games, but above all, we pray the lessons and preaching will make an impact in the lives of all who attend.

One major prayer request we have is for our newborn's passport. The process here can sometimes take months. We just have a short window to get that done in order for us to take the brief furlough we planned for October. Thank you, pastor and churches, for your continued support. Many have sent love offerings and extra support and even birthday cards! Thank you for your sacrificial giving to help us reach the Filipino people with the gospel!

Serving the Lord with gladness,

The Pattons - Nathan, Marissa, Landon, and Logan