

THE PATTON FAMILY

Missionaries in Bacolod City, Philippines



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Happy New Year!

October brought us great joy as we found out we would be adding another member to our family in June 2026! We plan to have maternity care here in the Philippines, and so far, God has given Marissa and the baby good health and wonderful care from her doctors. Please continue to pray for a healthy pregnancy.

We have also been blessed with some faithful people to begin tract distribution each week. Their faithfulness to join us on a hot Saturday morning encourages us each week. During this month, we had our first Missions Conference in an effort to show our church the importance of world and local missions. It was a huge blessing to have a local missionary from Rock of Ages Prison Ministry preach for us on our Missions Sunday. We pray our members will catch a vision for world missions as we try to lead by example.

November 4th marked a pretty large typhoon that hit Bacolod and all the surrounding cities and islands. Power outages, no water, and unpredictable weather affected our city for several weeks. Thankfully, God kept us, our home, and our church's members well and safe. We do not take this for granted, as we know other parts of the Philippines saw major flooding and deaths.

My wife and our church ladies hosted a small ladies "Sweeter than Honey" meeting/fellowship. About 35 ladies, both saved and unsaved, gathered for fellowship, food, and Bible lessons. Marissa taught two sessions during the meeting.



One lesson targeted the need for salvation from sin. After the meeting, an elderly lady got saved. We have seen several ladies visit during our Sunday services as a result of this meeting.

One major prayer request is our visas. During December, we took a last-minute trip to Manila for visa processing. The last-minute trip was about 36-hours total from booking tickets, flying to Manila, processing, and then arriving back in Bacolod. We are thankful to our home church for helping to cover the cost of these expenses.

Our visa should be approved in January, Lord-willing. Then we will have permanent status here in the country.

The Christmas season allowed us to host Christmas parties and church events. This year, we had our first small nativity presentation. Landon asked to play Gabriel and was thrilled to do it. Logan got to be a sheep. Marissa made the costumes and helped the young Sunday school class act out each part of the Luke 2 Christmas story while I read aloud. The girls Bible study was blessed this Christmas with ladies who sponsored their Christmas gift- a t-shirt, a skirt, and a new Bible case.

Lastly, our container full of Bibles and other resources should be here at the end of January. Pray for us as we will be organizing distribution drives in our city.

We will give a thorough update about this ministry opportunity in the next letter once we receive the shipment. We are grateful to all those who sponsored and gave financially to provide these resources for our ministry!

What a blessing this year has been for us. We cannot wait to see what God has in store in 2026. Thank you for your prayers and financial support. The Lord only knows how much your faithfulness means to us!

