

THE PATTON FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO BACOLOD CITY, PHILIPPINES

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

In early January, we officially started weekly Bible studies in our home. We have seen several people come faithfully over the past few weeks. We are continuing to pray for salvation and growth as we teach through the Bible.

We also started children's Bible clubs. This ministry is growing thanks to the help of workers from a neighboring church. We're looking forward to what God has in store for the young people and even their parents as we get to know them better. We've had two Saturdays with my truck packed full of children and even moms who attended.

In early February, we flew to Manila to prepare paperwork for our trip out of the country. During that stay, I had the opportunity to preach two times on Sunday at two different churches. Our family was blessed by the testimony and love of these church people and their pastors (one of these pastors went to Bible college with my parents). We were honored to be a part of their Sunday service.

Our family then set out to spend three days in Singapore, letting our visas expire and reset. We did some sightseeing and also got to meet up for an afternoon with a missionary our sending church supports. We were greatly encouraged by him and his family. He gave me so much wisdom as we walked the city together.

We had a Sunday night fellowship in our home when we returned. Our Bible study ladies came together to cook a Filipino feast. They invited friends and family in upon our request. We enjoyed an afternoon of cooking and getting to know these people personally. After dinner, we watched the Redeeming Hope film. Please continue to pray for wisdom as we teach and explain salvation and biblical principles to them. The decision of salvation has to be one that they make because they understand and are ready, not a decision made to appease us or anyone else.

Finally, I want to thank Pastor Richard of ODBBC in Silay for having our family in on a Sunday morning. Nine years ago, I preached at his church. That same evening was the night God called me to be a missionary in the Philippines. Being back in his church was a joy, especially getting to see how much it has grown. I praise the Lord for nine years of His call.

Our updated prayer card is also out. Please let us know if you would like some physical copies. We can mail some, or you can download the images from our website or the file attached to this email. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
The Pattons - Nathan, Marissa, Landon, and Logan

