



Jan-Mar 2026

# The Patton Family

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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

During the month of January, I introduced our church theme for the year: Choose. I have been doing focused sermons on choosing to follow Christ in family, church, and personal life. Marissa started a “Life of Jesus” series in Sunday school that started at the birth of Jesus and will end at the resurrection and ascension. One project I am working on to get finished in the next month is the translation of the Principles of Growth discipleship course from English to Hiligaynon. I’m working with a faithful Christian man to go through each chapter with me, keeping the translation as close and accurate as possible.



One main event of January was just a neat experience for Marissa and me. We got to attend a traditional Filipino wedding for the first time. It was a blessing to watch this faithful couple from a neighboring church get married. I’ve added a picture of the traditional Filipino attire requested for this wedding. I was also able to share the gospel at a funeral service (what we would consider more of a wake service) for a family member of one of our church ladies. A small group from our church went to encourage and witness to the lost family of the loved one.



During January, we found out we were expecting, you guessed it, another boy! Haha! Our family is so excited to add another little boy to the mix. On that note, at the end of February, we discovered Marissa had an infection and was struggling with the pregnancy, with what might have been some preterm labor. She was put on modified bed rest and given lots of medicines and vitamins. She had constant testing, bloodwork, and doctor’s appointments for 2 weeks.





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The medicine did its job, and all recent tests came back with positive results. The only concerning part now is that she has anemia, which she's being treated for. Please pray for her and the baby. She's still on medicine for the next few weeks, as well as extra dosages of iron to help with the anemia. We have decided that some of the ministries she leads, such as Girls Bible study and kids Sunday school class, will be postponed or modified at this time to give her optimal rest and health for the duration of the pregnancy. She is at 32 weeks now; the baby is due June 1. We appreciate your continued prayers for health and strength.



One big blessing came to us in March. We received a 20-foot container for Antioch Baptist Church Printing Ministry and Pastor David Young (Marissa's uncle). The container was full of tracts, children's Bible coloring books, Hiligaynon John and Romans, biblical resources, and best of all, Bibles! We could not be more excited. We have already been sharing this material with like-minded church plants in our city and the surrounding areas. Our church plans to saturate our city with bags full of these biblical tools. Please pray that the seeds are sown and take root. We do not take the blessing of this container lightly. We're excited to get these Bibles and tracts into every home in the surrounding neighborhoods and around the city of Bacolod.



We are thankful for your continued prayers for our ministry. Our church has seen visitors join the services almost every week. We have witnessed to them as well as some young people in our church who are still not saved. Please pray that God will soften the hearts of the unbelievers and that they will be ready to accept Jesus before it's too late. We are grateful for your constant financial and spiritual support.



Serving the Lord with Gladness,  
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