

THE PATTON FAMILY

Missionaries to Bacolod, Philippines

Dear Pastor And Church Family,

We made it back to the Philippines after a quick month and a half trip to the States! God blessed our family as we took the long flight back to Manila, then quick flight to Bacolod. As soon as we got back, we began inquiring about a house for rent in Bacolod. We had our eye on it for months, but couldn't get all the paperwork in order before we left in September. Within a week of returning, we were accepted as renters. A few days later, we signed the contract and were able to move in.

The same day we moved into our rental, we had visitors come to help our family get settled and pass out tracts. A wonderful Filipino lady in our church came with three young missionaries. They helped us unpack boxes, assemble furniture, pass out tracts, and witness to people in our area. Their visit was a huge encouragement and blessing during that transition.

With Christmas around the corner, we decided to schedule our first official meetings after the new year. Our family enjoyed a quiet (warm and humid) Christmas at home. We're thankful for the churches and supporters who sent extra Christmas love offerings to our family! We're overwhelmed by your love to our family. Our first Children's Bible club was this past Saturday. We had six children come. My wife taught about Creation, and we both got to spend some time with the children before and after the lesson. They promised to bring friends when they come again in a couple of weeks for another Bible club. We have references and look forward to following up with their parents and families soon.

Our first Bible study meeting will be January 10th. We plan to open our home to those wanting to join in weekly Bible studies. I'll teach lessons each week centered on Christ and then on to more detailed discipleship for new converts. Our vision is to see adults join the Bible study, get saved, baptized, and personally discipled. Our ultimate goal is to start a church with those believers and their families as the Lord leads.

Please pray for us as we endeavor to make connections and do our best to be a witness for Christ. We're praying for men and women to be saved and faithfully begin serving God. Please also pray for an upcoming trip we have in February to reset and renew our visas. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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

Prayer Requests

- New Bible Study and Children's Bible Club
- Souls to be saved
- The Gospel Film to be a witness in this city
- Language classes
- Converts and Labourers for this new church plant

Praises

- Safe trip and return from the States
- Smooth transition and move to Bacolod

