



# THE PATTON FAMILY

## Missionaries in Bacolod City, Philippines

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

July marked the first year of Grace Baptist Church of Bacolod! What an amazing landmark. With the help of our faithful few church people, we were able to host almost 40 people on that Sunday. Salvation was taught to the children in Sunday school, and I preached a salvation message in the adult service. God has brought us so far from the Wednesday night Bible studies to where the church is today.

In August, my wife and I celebrated 5 years of marriage. We were able to take a few days away with the boys and enjoy some time resting.

Over the past few months, we have been diligently doing paperwork for our visas. In early August, we found out that the sponsor church we were depending on had a problem with their own paperwork, causing our visas to run into expiration. Our immigration lawyer strongly advised us to leave the country for 1 night to reset our current tourist visa. So within two weeks, we booked flights to Manila to get the needed exit clearance and then flights to Hong Kong overnight. After 2 days and about 10 hours at the immigration office, we got our exit clearance.

We took a quick flight to Hong Kong and stayed the night there. We even got to take in the cityscapes. Our family was exhausted by this point, but thankful to have the visas reset for now with no problems. Please continue to pray for us as we take the necessary steps to legally register the new church plant here allowing this to be our sponsor church moving forward.

Although the last two months have been filled with rainstorms, sickness, and traveling, we have kept our regular weekly ministry schedule as much as possible.



Bible clubs still run on Saturdays. Marissa still has girls Bible study on Thursdays after school. I have the young men's Bible class on Friday evenings. Our Wednesday Bible study and prayer meetings have been a blessing these past months. Some walk more than 30 minutes to come and hear the teaching of God's Word. Please pray for Eyleen and her daughters. They have been faithfully attending and have heard the message of salvation. Please pray they will accept Jesus with an open heart.

In September, we started an Operation Saturation campaign using a more strategic targeting and canvassing of houses in our local area. Living in a major city, streets and subdivisions are easily accessible, but most homes have large gates prohibiting access to more personal interactions. We still have an excellent reception from most people we encounter. After the first week, we had a few visitors, and they continued to return in the following weeks. Please pray for them as they consider finding a church home and for their salvation.

Please continue to pray for Jennifer's family (she was our first convert). She has brought dozens of her family to church, and many are starting to come faithfully. Most of them are not saved. So pray that the Lord will convict them of their sin, and they will be saved.

One of our supporting churches, Antioch Baptist Church in Harlem, GA pastored by Marissa's uncle, Pastor David Young, is sending a container full of Bibles, tracts, and other resources. As it is being finalized, please pray that the shipping, customs clearances, and delivery goes smoothly. If you would like to donate towards the shipping costs and production of materials, let us know and we can get you the proper information.

We have a busy couple of months ahead, preparing events for the holiday season. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for your church.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,

The Pattons - Nathan, Marissa, Landon, and Logan

