

THE PATTON FAMILY

Missionaries to Bacolod, Philippines

Dear Pastor and church family,

What a packed few months! As you know, in August, God led our family to set out to plant a church. During that month, God allowed us the opportunity to survey a city nearby and research several other cities to determine where He would have us work.

After much prayer and careful consideration, God laid the city of Bacolod on our hearts. With a population of about 600,000-700,000 people, Bacolod needs more Bible-preaching churches. We enjoyed visiting several local churches and meeting other national pastors in this city. God has already directed us to the area where He wants us to begin work. Though our time was short before our trip to the States, we were able to go out soulwinning in the prospective area and made several contacts. On our tracts, we made a simple website, Bacolod4Christ.com, which has The Gospel Film, as well as a contact page for those interested in knowing more about the Bible.

At the end of August and the beginning of September, my family began the process of planning our move to Bacolod. Although Bacolod is not far from our current home, we'll need to move into the city to better reach those in the area. We started looking for rental homes that would allow space for Bible studies and eventually church services. Please pray for us as we continue this process.

Also, thank you for praying for the paperwork for our newborn son, Logan. We received the birth certificate two weeks before our trip and took two trips to Manila to get his passport and immigration clearance. We're thankful for God's timely provision. He prepared the way for us to make this quick trip back to the States.

Through October, we were able to be a part of Marissa's brother's wedding. During this time, we also had the amazing privilege of attending the services for the Calvary Baptist Church Jubilee. Our hearts were greatly encouraged by the preaching and singing. Marissa and I got to be a part of a couple of classes for Sure Word Baptist College with Marissa in the ladies class and me in the men's. We also took the opportunity this trip to dedicate Logan to the Lord with both our parents present in the service.

We cannot wait to begin work when we return to the Philippines on November 10th. In the next few weeks, we will be updating our missions website, untold-millions.com, with more info on Bacolod! We've secured a tutor to begin teaching us Ilonggo (the dialect in our area) and are actively working to secure a rental house. There are many outreach opportunities available in the city. We desire to see souls saved, to start weekly Bible studies and discipleship classes, and grow from there. My wife and I are overwhelmed by the messages and prayers from you. We seek to honor Him in all that we do. We are humbled by the call He has given us, but we also understand the enormous responsibility to reach the city of Bacolod with the gospel.

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

Prayer Requests

- Safe travels to the Philippines on 11/10
- Smooth transition and move to Bacolod
- Proper housing and meeting place
- Many 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

- Completion of paperwork and passport for Logan
- Refreshing quick trip to the States
- Logan's baby dedication
- Several new supporting churches

