

# The Gormleys

*Your Missionaries to the Philippines February 2021*

**February 18, 2021**

**Dear Pastor and Partner in the Ministry,**

Luke the physician and gospel writer had it right when he wrote, and when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh (Luke 21:28). We live in the last days. Perilous times are in our midst. Truth is fallen in the street and equity cannot enter, yea truth faileth: and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a snare: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no judgment. And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor... (Isaiah 59:14-16). May the LORD find us to be those faithful intercessors to bring the arm of His salvation and imputed righteousness to this obviously dying world.



**Hope Baptist Church:** We are happy to report that restrictions for gatherings further eased in January 2021, allowing us to minister to persons of ages 15 – 65 years old. With so many from our area who lost their jobs, we reached out to them in small ways that we could with food and gospel tract distributions, letting our neighbors know that we care and Jesus really loves them and wants to be King in their lives. These are exciting times. People can see that Jesus is the only answer to society's dysfunction, disorder, dread, and disease. Souls are still getting saved.

We look forward to baptism Sunday for our church organization as soon as we get our baptistry water-sealed and ready to go. Please pray for new home Bible studies and discipleship classes for the new converts. We hope that we will once again be able to invite back our previous regular attendees, as well as new attenders. In spite of no regular visiting program, we have been blessed several weeks in a row now with new faces. We are especially thankful for those of our construction workers who have started attending. We will begin again our weekly Bible study with these men as we get have now went back to work on finishing those projects that had been put on hold. May the LORD save many more souls this 2021 as we endeavor to share the gospel of salvation and transformation.

Since our services have been restricted for the most part to our staff, our kids, and the immediate nearby neighbors, our young men have been put to task in leading in the service and work of the church. We are especially excited about Angelo. One week ago, he came to us after the service to tell us that he has been called to the gospel ministry. Angelo is the oldest and only boy in a sibling group of 4 whose mother passed away last year and whose father will be getting out of jail by the end of the year. His father has been faithfully attending church services inside the city jail with a man from our work, Pastor Jeffrey. Our expectation and excitement for the possibilities of Angelo and his family are high, please do keep them in your prayers.



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**Calvary Christian Academy:** We are thankful for the amazing teachers that stayed faithful to this ministry throughout the pandemic, even in spite of the fact that there were some weeks when they worked without pay. We are happy to have survived 3 quarters, and with only one quarter left we consider this year a success. Please be praying however, as we pray, plan, and consider what next year holds. It is most likely that we will begin yet another school with no face-to-face classes. This is disappointing, but after the adjustment and innovations used this school year, we are ready and feel up to the challenge of making next year even better for the families who remained faithful and loyal to the school, in spite of uncertainties of entire new school system. Although we are not with the kids every day, nor do we have assemblies and programs, it is still our goal to minister to the families of our community. We are thankful for each opportunity that God has created and has allowed us to share Christ and His love for the people of San Jose del Monte City.



**Family News:** While it seems like we are light years from being ‘empty nesters’, our 2 middle daughters did recently leave the nest, and country, to spread their wings. The pandemic delayed the June college graduations of **Courtney** and **Kassie** and brought the realization that they would need to move to the States to pursue the goals they believe God has planned for them. After spending Christmas and New Year with us, they left on January 5<sup>th</sup>. We miss them dearly and it is difficult to not to be with them at this tender time of their life; but we are grateful for good friends that have brought them into their home, helping them to get settled, with cars, jobs and all that goes into the lives of young adults. They both have been zealous, talented, and willing servants in our ministries since they were teenagers; many souls saved and lives blessed because of them. We pray that they will continue to serve the LORD as He leads. Please pray for them as they learn to drive in the snow belt of the Midwest, for their needs to be met, good health and wisdom as they seek to follow God’s will. Currently, Courtney is pursuing her career and further education in music; while Kassie has signed up with the Air Force to work as a cryptographic analyst. Our two other daughters **Kayla** and **Chloe** are busily helping us with the whirlwind of activities here; filling the gaps left by their sisters, assisting at the children’s home, teaching at church, the music ministry, and fulfilling their online college studies.



**Adoption Updates:** The process of getting the boys legally adopted has been long and arduous to say the least. We have added Joy to the mix and we are now hoping and praying by God’s mercy and power to be finished within the next year. As permanent resident foreigners, we cannot leave the Philippines for 3 consecutive years, in order to avail of the cheaper and faster, domestic adoption process. We reached that milestone last November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that legal documents and legal fees go smoothly for Carlo, Luis, and Joy.

In our previous letter, we mentioned a few prayer requests that we would like to update you on and request further prayer:

1. **Completion of the Ministerial Building:** We have not yet been able to resume construction on this building. Please pray that we will receive the needed funds very soon.
2. **Hope Baptist Church:** Please continue to pray as we are still trying our best to work around pandemic restrictions in order to build the church ministries and attendance.
3. **Government Accreditation:** We met several unexpected road blocks with our accreditation. We believe we have finally submitted the last of the requirements and should receive our papers this month.
4. **Director’s Residence:** We have not yet sold our family house, but have pursued to slowly work on the new residence, little by little. We are happy for the progress being made but need more prayers for the needed finances.

We appreciate you all for your faithful support, prayers, and many sacrifices in our behalf. May the LORD Jesus Christ bless you exceedingly abundantly as we fellowship together in the gospel in these last days.

**In the Service of King Jesus,**

Brother Carl Gormley and Family