

The Woodley Family Missionaries to the Philippines



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<u>Prayer Requests:</u> Souls for our Labor Growth of our new converts Deaf school Home Bible Studies

Goals: Evangelism Church Planting Training National Pastors Deaf School & Church Bible Institute



Picture taking at the deaf school with John and family



Taken during the worship



Japanese concentration camp at Camp O'Donnell, Capas, Tarlac

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Greetings from the Philippine Islands! Thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ (2 Corinthians 2:14). Last month, we were visited by our Baptist International Outreach (BIO) President, Dr. John Yingling, his lovely daughter, Amber and youngest son, Jeremiah. Bro. John preached a tremendous message on the storms of life from Mark 4:36-5:2. His message brought comfort to several of our members who are going through some tough times. During the invitation, a young lady came forward for salvation.

It was also a blessing to witness eight of our converts followed the Lord in believer's baptism. These individuals have been faithfully coming to our church services. Acts 2:47 speaks of those who became part of the church at Jerusalem. "...And the Lord added to the church daily as should be saved." Please pray for the spiritual growth of our converts.

During Bro. John's stay with us, we were afforded the opportunity to visit the site of the Concentration Camp (Camp O'Donnell) where the survivors of the infamous Death March during the Second World War were incarnated. The shrine is developed as a memorial that consists of an area where each planted tree represents one Filipino or American soldier who died in the concentration camp. We praise the Lord and honor those brave soldiers and war veterans who sacrifice their lives on the battlefront.

Last but not least, Bro. John and I had the joy of speaking at the Men's Fellowship at the Word Baptist Church. Bro. Nap Donado, BIO co-laborer, organized the said fellowship on September 23rd. The theme was focused on the book of Ezra 7:10. It was indeed a blessing and a time of encouragement for over eighty pastors, missionaries and church staff.

We pray unceasingly for all of you who give sacrificially to our ministry here in the Philippines. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support to our ministry. Please continue to pray for our two sons, Christopher and Emmanuel. May God bless you.

In His Service,

Chris Woodley
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Note: Please make check donations payable to BIO and designate Chris Woodley or Deaf School Philippines. Thank you.



Picture taking with the young lady who got saved



Picture taking with the indigenous people group



Bro. Nap, myself and Bro. John



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Tract Distribution at the Bus Station in Dau, Mabt.



Four Day Seminar with Educators and Staff



Chris, Carol & Jabez

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

We are filled with overflowing joy and gratitude to our Lord for all that He has done in our lives. Carol and I praise the Lord for the privilege of serving our Savior. It is hard to believe that we have been on the foreign mission field for 17 years. In spite of our human weaknesses, God's work is moving forward. Our responsibilities to share the gospel and disciple converts goes out to the larger neighborhood. It was through this way that we were able to get to know our students and their parents, that is "door-to-door" visitation. We are so excited about what God has done in the past, what He is currently doing, and what He will be doing in the future. What a mighty God we serve!

On a different note, we want to let you know that we have just returned to the states on furlough at least until the end of February 2018. After conferring with our missionary advisors, we came to the decision that it is best to do our furlough a little differently this time. Rather than taking the usual year-long furlough, we plan to break up our furlough into two 5-month periods for visiting our US supporting churches. We may possibly be scheduling our second round of trips by Fall 2018. We are compelled to make these changes in our furlough at this time due to financial and administrative concerns back on our mission field in the Philippines. Financial: The decrease of our monthly support due to the closing of doors of several of our supporting churches and the inflation on the Philippine economy has caused a need for us to seek increased support for our church and especially for our deaf school. However, due to our administrative responsibilities in the school, it is not possible for us to be away from our ministries for a full year. Therefore, it is necessary for our furlough to be split into two shorter terms.

Given such a tight schedule ahead of us, we ask for your patience and kindly request that you send us an email or give us a call in order for us to make arrangements to visit your church. Please contact us at thewoodleymission@hotmail.com or by phone at 404-641-4213.

We appreciate your kind consideration in this matter. Please pray for fruitful meetings for us within this period and for God to supply our needed additional support. We would also like to thank you for your faithfulness in supporting our ministry.

Our dear Filipino brothers & sisters in Christ and our deaf students send their loving regards to all of you. We look forward to hearing from you and to possibly seeing you in the near future. May God bless you.

In His Service,

Chris Woodley



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Eleven Deaf Men for service



Special Sunday with Jon Barr



New & Living Way Baptist Church



Cornerstone Baptist Deaf Academy

Magurul-gurol, Pag-Asa, Bamban, Tarlac



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Graduation Day at Cornerstone Baptist Deaf Academy



Chris, Carol and Rosela with the graduates



Group picture on Graduation Day

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We trust that this letter will find you all well. During our years in the Philippines, the Lord has blessed us with a hearing and deaf church, a deaf school, and outreach through a number of other missions endeavors. We praise the Lord for these things and for the joy of seeing souls saved, baptized, discipled, and surrendered to various ministries.

We can say with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name." (Psalm 103:1) During our second term, God gave us the opportunity to establish Cornerstone Baptist Deaf Academy. At first it was begun as a home-school type ministry, but eventually developed into a formal basic education school for the deaf. On July 27, 2011, after months of rigorous paperwork and physical preparation, our school was granted a permit and obtained recognition from the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Education of the Philippines to operate pre-elementary and 1st-8th grades.

It is a joy to realize that through our school these once neglected deaf children are now gaining basic education and that we have an opportunity to reach them and their families for the Lord. Also, we have been able to set up livelihood projects for our students through which they can reap modest earnings that are used to subsidize their daily needs such as school allowance, transportation, and necessary supplies. At the same time they are receiving an education, they are being taught skills to help them support themselves in the future.

In our 12 years of operation, we built make-shift classrooms using dividers as walls. Last month the Department of Education issued a Building Code Memorandum with specific requirements for private schools. This includes classrooms, computer and laboratory facilities, playgrounds, etc. Presently our school building is not up to code. It has three classroom blocks each catering to multi-grade levels. In order to continue to fulfill our mission, we need more space in order to meet building code requirements and to be conducive for students to learn.

As we prayed about this need, the Lord directed us to purchase a piece of property in Mabalacat Pampanga 30 minutes south of our present school location in Bamban, Tarlac. The property is 1,128 square meters for \$70,000.00. This property will take care of two needs. It is large enough that we will be able to have the needed space for the deaf school and also have the church at the same location. Presently, we are renting facilities for our church. When the two are at the same location, we will no longer have to spend funds for rent nor spend time and money for fuel traveling between the two locations.

In light of this need, we share this concern and ask for your help. Please ask God if He would have you give towards this need. If He touches your heart to do so, please send any donations to BIO and designate it for property for deaf school—Philippines. We also ask for you to pray for God to supply this need so that our ministry can continue to move forward in reaching others for Christ.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration. May God bless you.

Carolina A. Woodley School Administrator