

The Gormleys

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Your Missionaries to the Philippines



Dear Pastor and Church Family,

The year of transition for Calvary Baptist Church is quickly coming to an end and we could not be more pleased with how Pastor Edgar and his wife Miriam are leading the church flock and Christian school. We feel extra blessed to see and experience this transition first hand; we know that it is an added blessing and favor of God to us. Calvary Baptist Church celebrated 30 years of God's faithfulness last October 14th; it was a powerful, emotional, and humbling experience. Walking down memory lane of His amazing love to our family and this church was truly awesome! Evangelist Bob Jones from Clays Mill Baptist Church of Lexington, KY brought God's message challenging us to serve the LORD in a greater capacity for more years to come. We will strive to keep soul-winning, discipleship, church planting, sending out preachers, supporting more missionaries, and prayer in the forefront of all our ministries. The LORD Jesus brought us hitherto and will deliver us to the next leg of the journey (1Chron 17:16).

Fruits for Your Labor: November will mark 21 years that we have served in San Jose del Monte. Lately, Michelle and I have spent much time reflecting on the pure joy that bearing fruit brings. Our hearts swell with love and pride at the thought that those young people who have literally grown up under this ministry are now the leaders and key players in the work of the ministry. The couples who now lead our young



people were all young people here themselves. We have 6 graduates of our Christian school who are now teaching and becoming amazing leaders in our school. Those small children who used to be taught in Jr. Church are now the ones teaching. It is truly one of the greatest rewards of being in the ministry. May we never doubt the need and good that is produced through the nursery, Jr. Church, jeepney routs, VBS, feeding ministries, Bible Clubs, School ministry, camp and Youth Group! Lo, children *are* an heritage of the LORD: the fruit of the womb *is* his reward. Ps. 127:3

The Fruit of Church Planting: *Apawan Village Church.* We are currently the only gospel witness in the village as well as the neighboring village of Catahan in Loma de Gato, Marilao, Bulacan, 7 kms from Calvary Baptist Church. About 2,000 souls are at stake and we intend to reach them for the LORD Jesus Christ. An additional 10,000 people live within a 3 km radius. We currently have an average of 20 adults and 30 children coming every Sunday. Please pray that we will be able to purchase the land for this new church within the next year, only \$20,000 is needed. *Hope Baptist Church:* We are hoping for this church to be established by the beginning of 2019. Please pray that the building will be completed in a timely, cost-efficient manner.

Sowing in Tears, Reaping in Joy: In July, baby Isabel, who came to us in January of 2017, went to live with her forever family. Tears flowed in the church service that was dedicated to the transfer of parental rights from Bahay Sibol to the Castillo family. We again witnessed firsthand how adoption vividly portrays the spiritual adoption we have in Christ (Romans 8:15-17; James 1:27). We currently have 19 children in our home and look forward to uniting more children to the families that God has specifically prepared for them. We are in real need of full-time workers for this ministry: house parents, teachers, helpers, etc. If you know of anyone who has considered long-term missions, please put them in contact with us through gormleys@live.com or a private message on our Facebook page Bahay Sibol – Home of Hope.



Fruit that Remains: August brought us a great refresher course on the books of Daniel and Revelation. Aside from our regular schedule of 8 classes, we had the honor of guest pastor, Dr. James Todd Vanaman of Dixie Baptist Church in Clarkston, MI teach an 18 hours course on these difficult prophetic books. Seeing prophecy unfold in current events make us anxious all the more for the LORD's second advent; giving us the urgency to serve Him earnestly and cheerfully every day. Also gracing our Bible Institute for October was a 12 hours course on Baptist History delivered by Evangelist Bob Jones. Training more preachers and workers for future ministry is exciting to behold; seeing to it that the perpetuity and faith of the gospel will move forward even after we are gone. We are thankful for the many men of God that have come our way to be a part in this endeavor. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: John 15:16

“So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase...For we are laborers together with God” I Corinthians 3:7, 9a. “For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” Thank you for your faithful love and support to our family and ministry, we love and appreciate you.

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