

Dear Pastor and Church family,

Merry Christmas from our family and all of the wonderful people we minister to and with throughout the entire year. We look forward to being able to celebrate and commemorate the birth of our Savior with family, church, and friends in a more special way this year compared to the lockdown of last Christmas. We do apologize for our letter being a couple of months late this quarter.

The Gormleys
Your missionaries to the Philippines



December 2021

We are currently allowed to have worship services while following proper health protocols, although children under the age of 12 are not allowed unless they are accompanied by their parents. For the time being we have resumed Saturday Bible clubs in some areas throughout the neighborhood where we are able to teach about Jesus, play games and feed the kids, with the help of our older boys at Bahay Sibol.

We are thrilled that in the last 3 months, since restrictions have been lifted, we have seen a steady increase in church attendance at Hope Baptist Church. We are very encouraged by the interest and zeal of 4 faithful families, 4 single young adults, and several of the construction workers that labor on site at Bahay Sibol. We will continue several Bible studies being held throughout the week nights with staff, workers, and neighbors, as we also seek to begin Life Groups with other sectors, particularly our young singles. We look forward to the church moving forward in the next couple of months with small groups, baptisms, and an official, long awaited founding of the church with membership signing of commitment to the church covenant. We are planning for this celebration and establishment of the church as an organization to take place on the 3rd year anniversary of the start of the church, in July 2022.

The ministry of Calvary Christian Academy under Calvary Baptist Church has been through an extremely difficult 2 years. We are currently into the 3rd quarter of this school year and looking forward to the strong possibility of finally returning to face-to-face learning for next school year. Unfortunately, the school has suffered tremendously in terms of finances and getting the facilities, equipment and personnel back into top quality working order will be no small task. It is going to take a lot of work and financial assistance. After a leadership meeting last week, it was determined that we are in need of at least \$15,000 to \$20,000 in order to get the school completely ready for opening in the new school year, which will likely be in September of 2022. We are confident that with the return of face-to-face learning, we will be able to regain the almost 50% of our school population that was lost during the pandemic; and with that increase will come financial recovery. Please pray for the school. Pray for wisdom, students to return, and most especially, for the finances needed to allow this ministry to remain open. If you are able to give a special gift toward this need, please send it to our mission board, BEMA, earmarked for Calvary Christian Academy.

We would like to extend our most sincere appreciation to everyone that hosted and cared for Michelle while she travelled. She was in America for 3 months and was able to be with our two daughters, spend time with her mother, grandmother and other family, and she experienced a very productive time of representing Bahay Sibol, raising some much-needed monthly support. Prayers for her safety and well being were answered and she enjoyed a fruitful time with no untoward incidents or problems. Please continue to pray for the adoption proceedings of Carlo and Luis. We have a hearing set for this February 2022 and it is our prayer that all paperwork will be finalized and we can plan a regular furlough together as a family by the end of next year.

Loving and Serving Christ,

Bro Gormley & Family