



## DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS & FAMILY,

FEBRUARY 2023

Tommy was invited by fellow BIMl Missionary Pastor Frank Denisi to preach at Gospel of Christ Baptist Church (GCBC) in Cebu for the Commissioning service of Pastor Frank as the Senior Pastor, their Mission's Conference & also 20 year Anniversary, all-in-one. Pastor Frank's father, also another Fellow BIMl Missionary Pastor Peter Denisi, now Pastor Emeritus of GCBC, is being sent out by their church as a missionary to Mindanao, Philippines (at 80 years old, I might add!) How amazing! When we (Tommy, Jen & Frank) all went to Pensacola Christian College together 15 years ago, we never would have imagined that we would be working altogether in the Philippines for the furtherance of the gospel! God is so good & His ways are so much higher than ours! What a privilege!

Just 4 weeks ago, we started a new Bible Club! The Barangay Captain (kind of similar to a small-town mayor) graciously allows us to use a covered tent every Saturday morning. This is a huge blessing because it keeps us & the kids out of the sun. We are averaging around 30 children already! There are even some parents that attend with their children & have expressed their thankfulness for what we do & teach to the children. This is yet another great opportunity to point people to Christ & show His love. Many of the children received Christ last Saturday & we plan on continuing to guide & disciple them every week.

## PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

1. We recently took a trip down to Mindoro with families from church for a Family Camp! We have included a short video with the adventures we participated in. We had a great time & many family relationships were refreshed, built-up & encouraged!
2. Lucy just left for Outdoor Education with her class. They will spend the week learning about jungle survival. Each of them will also get a baby sea turtle to study and observe, then release out into the ocean. I've received pictures from chaperones & she looks... well... just like she's been living in the jungle! But she looks very happy! They will also reserve a day for ministry & outreach, hopefully they allow time for the kids to clean-up before then!
3. Jen is helping teach Children's Sunday School, Women's Bible Studies, & Ladies Devotionals in church. She is glad to help ease the rotation schedule of the regular workers at the church. Please pray for wisdom as she was also asked to lead a devotional for a group of 140 high school students this month & next month.
4. Can you believe that Tommy can now give a children's Bible Lesson on Zacchaeus in complete Tagalog! He also took over a bi-weekly Bible Study at a garment factory (bottom picture).
5. Jen took Aleena to the ER 2 weeks ago due to a severe migraine with intractable nausea & vomiting. A CT was ordered & an abnormality in Aleena's right occiput (back of her brain) was found. After consults with multiple Pediatric Neurologists, we praise the Lord that it is not a tumor, although it still needs to be managed. Please pray that her MRI this weekend & the EEG to follow, show favorable results. We know God is good & His timing is always perfect. We hope to give you a better update on this next time.

In His Service,

*Tommy Jen Lucy Aleena Ellie*  
Tommy, Jen, Lucy, Aleena, & Ellie Behman

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*I'd rather be in a storm with  
Jesus, than on the shore without  
Him."*  
-Pastor Ki Baldwin

