



DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS & FAMILY,

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*Rejoice in the Lord.
He makes no mistake.*

-Ron Hamilton

This is nuts! Peanuts, to be exact! The gentleman pictured on the right just accepted Christ as his Savior! Mang [mahng: older man] Rafino sells peanuts for a living. Had the kids not gotten hungry for peanuts... Had God not laid a burden on The McClarans to come & visit us instead of going on their regular family vacation... Had God not brought the Chrisfields to the Philippines for a job contract & suggest we go to Daranak Falls together... Had Jason McClaran & Dan Chrisfield not been classmates at Pensacola Christian College years ago... Although we only met Mang Rafino 3 weeks ago, God has been perfectly orchestrating life events in order for us to meet & share the gospel with him. 1 & 99. That's the kind of God He is!

Since then, Mang Rafino has been faithfully commuting 2 hours (one-way) 1-2x every week for discipleship with Tommy & church. He has a hunger to learn about Christ & even helped us pass out 6400 John & Romans Bibles during Holy Week. Pray that we can continue to help grow his new love for God's word.

Holy Week, which includes Easter, is a major holiday week in the Philippines. Events happen daily. On Maundy Thursday, many Filipinos participate "Alay Lakad" [ah'-lai lah'-kahd: a Catholic traditional pilgrimage, where people walk many miles to a holy place in order to ask for forgiveness/blessing or give gratitude]. The city where our church is located has a proclaimed "holy place" & 6 million walked the road in front of our subdivision to get there (pictured above). Many walk barefoot or whip themselves on the street to show penitence. On Friday, some will even crucify themselves. It is truly sad that many Filipinos focus more on the death of Christ rather than His glorious resurrection. He is risen!



PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Aleena had her last neurology imaging/test done last week where they tried to induce a migraine & a seizure. She did not have either occur during the test, which is both good & bad, but we are praying for good results.
2. After summer break, Jen will be working only 1 day at the school to provide nursing assistance. She will also will be working at a mission crisis pregnancy center. It is highly possible that having a clinic in the remote area of Mindoro will be an future church ministry, so Jen is wanting to increase her skills & knowledge in multiple areas of medicine.
3. We just hosted Good News Hoops [bottom right] from Kansas. They did an amazing Bible Basketball ministry with our church. We also have a group of 50+ people from 2 different churches in the US coming to visit us for a combined missions trip this June-July. Please pray as Jen organizes this. It is a very large group & just getting the group lodging has proven to be a challenge already, but we are excited!



In His Service,

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