



DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS & FAMILY,

April 2025

Labor

"M, you're about to have your baby right now! You cannot leave!"

M went to the witch doctor earlier that morning & was told that the precious baby she was carrying would die. She heard that there would be medical staff and an OBGYN in a nearby village that day & walked hours to get to us. Her water had already been broken for over 24 hours, she was completely dilated & in active labor. In M's tribal beliefs, her husband must be present during the delivery in order to appease "bad spirits" from taking her baby. If this baby died, it would be the third one in a row that these "bad spirits" would have taken from her.

Within 30 minutes, we prayed for peace for M, shared Jesus with her, & sweet Baby V was born on a bamboo bench topped with cardboard.

Lattes

We started our first Bible study in Mindoro! We are currently meeting at a coffee shop [first picture on the right]. We love Tommy's studies on Encounters With Jesus. Anytime Jesus meets with someone, we study that passage. This morning, we studied Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. C silently cried to herself. Tommy explained how to be saved, & although C was not ready to receive Jesus, her heart is visibly softening towards Him. Please pray for this mother of two.

Leeches

Tommy went up to the mountains with another missionary to help check on the current livelihood projects. Remember when we were raising crawfish in our Manila home 2 years ago? The project is now getting started here on the mountains of Northern Mindoro! This project will help the Iraya tribe earn money in order for their church to be self-supporting, which includes a salary for their pastor!

After trekking down, Tommy was instructed to take his shoes off & check for leeches. Sure enough, he had 2 stuck between his toes. We'll save you from seeing bloody pictures, but isn't there a verse about how beautiful the feet of them that preach...? haha

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

- We've permanently moved to MINDORO on April 1st & we've already hosted 2 missions teams since!
- Please pray that we are able to find a place to meet permanently for our new church plant!
- We LOVE what God has called us to do & there is constant talk around our dinner table from the girls about what majors they can do in college that would help our ministry here in the Philippines! Maybe God would call them away to another field in the future, but right now we're thankful for tender hearts.

In His Service,

Tommy, Jen, Lucy, Aleena, Ellie

Tommy, Jen, Lucy, Aleena, & Ellie Behman

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In missions, faith must precede sight.
If you can see it all before you start,
it's probably not faith.
Missionary Wayne Schmish



THE NUMBERS

**MINDORO
BUILDING
PROJECT**

**83 PERCENTAGE OF
GOAL**