



DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS & FAMILY,

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“For in much wisdom is much
grief: and he that increaseth
knowledge increases sorrow.”

Ecclesiastes 1:18

The Philippine Commission of Population and Development conducted a survey. In 2022, a total of 3135 adolescent girls younger than 15 years old gave birth—a 35% increase from 2021. Girls as young as 10 were included in the survey. Because of this, teen pregnancy has been declared as a “national and social emergency,” & there is now a widespread initiative for sex-ed to be taught in classrooms.

Four months ago, we were asked to start a chapel service at a local school. Now, because of our medical background, the school has also requested we teach sex-ed twice a month, indefinitely. After much prayer and fasting, we agreed — but on the premise that we would teach through a Biblical worldview. We will start with creation & the purpose for which our bodies were created.

We separated the boys from the girls, then gave them a paper to anonymously answer our questions & ask some of their own. We discovered that every boy, without exception, has encountered and regularly watches pornography. It broke our hearts to realize how deeply this influence has already taken root. One of the girls asked, “How do I know if I’m being abused?”

We also reconnected with friends, a husband & wife. They became aware that there are minors being employed by local bars in our town to solicit themselves to customers. When the husband approached city officials for help to stop this from continuing, he was forced out of the office building. The city also revoked his business license, effectively crippling his livelihood & causing them to move to another island.

Dear friends, ...we knew. We knew we were going into a stronghold of the devil. This situation must be similar to what Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes—how greater understanding and awareness often bring about deeper attentiveness to the depravity and sinfulness of man.

But all glory to God!

- Young men from the school have walked the 2 hours to our home multiple times now to come and have Bible study. (We are legally not allowed to pick them up; that’s another story for another time.)
- Between three and twelve children have shown up at our front gate at 6:30 a.m., asking about Bible study —three times this week alone!
- A young man who sees us walking to church every Sunday morning got curious and asked if he could attend even if he is Muslim. “Absolutely!”, we said. Great, I’ll bring five of my friends too!

We knew...but we also know. We know this is where God has called us to be a light in the darkness. We know our prayer of God softening the hearts of the people in Sinandigan & Sabang was already being answered before we even moved here. We know that there will be much harder things ahead, but we know He is worthy!

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

- We were asked by our home church for Tommy to speak at a special service. We will be going back to the US for a very short furlough (2 months) in June 2026. Hoping to see you!!
- We have yet another typhoon crossing right over our island in a couple days; please pray that our Mangyan (tribal) friends will not be affected. They are still recovering from the last typhoon.



THE NUMBERS

MINDORO
BUILDING
PROJECT

84 PERCENTAGE OF
GOAL

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