

Missionary Volunteer Program



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Dear Faithful Friends,

We're so happy to be in the Philippines again!

The first week of August I was blessed to attend a preachers' conference at Starlight Baptist Church in the Orlando area. This annual event is always an encouragement to me. The crowd, music, and spirit was good and uplifting.

Joanie and I landed in Manila late on a Tuesday, and Wednesday night I preached for Pastor Nable at Bethany Baptist Church in Makati. How nice it was to see many familiar and happy faces after being away for nearly three years..



The next day we flew to Bacolod/Silay where we were eager to reunite with our Harvest Baptist Church family. A vanload of friends met and greeted us at the airport, then we checked into our small hostel (Pension house) where our friend, April still works as the manager. About nine girls were crowded into the bathroom, so when Joanie walked into the room and began admiring the balloons on the floor...they jumped out laughing and screaming to welcome us!

A church family donated the use of their van to us for our entire stay. What a great blessing that was. We had a full and eventful week+. We organized a childrens' feeding, visited a jeep route, and went on a bbq chicken and rice fellowship/meal with the young people.



We ministered at a Children's Home where they haven't had any outside guests for three years! We were happy to bring over 80 flip-flops and four boxes of special fruit (including blueberries) to them. I preached a Chapel message and the children were very well behaved. I learned that the kids always ask if I'll be speaking because they remember my preaching-antics from our previous visits!



We visited a homebound church member and witnessed in the city plaza seeing over twenty people saved. Joanie and I preached at the city jail; we were the very first outsiders to minister there since the Covid shutdown. Amen. Joanie cooked three times for several church families and the new pastor at Harvest, Brother Mel and his wife May Ann. We had two game-night fellowships and enjoyed great

fellowship with the teens and several young adults.

The Lord has helped and sustained HBC since their last pastor suddenly returned to the states, permanently, a year ago.. The orchestra has grown, and since the Covid scare has decreased, more families are returning to



church. I preached there Sunday a.m. and for New Beginnings Baptist Church in Bacolod on Sunday night. It was a privilege to preach for Pastor Rebaton on Wednesday night, and we enjoyed good fellowship with their wonderful family..

Pastor Mel is scraping by, by living on the church property with his wife and 1-year old daughter in what used to be the pastor's office. They are excited to have another baby on the way. We were blessed to treat pastor Mel and his wife with a grocery shopping spree, and we purchased them a reliable cell phone.

Our departure day came way too soon, but we promised to help Missionary Eddie Galyean in Pangasinan (north of Manila) with their 18th Anniversary Service.



They, too, haven't had American visitors for about three years so they were happy to see us. We were just there for 5 days, but were blessed to encourage the Galyeans and their staff. We also met together with Missionary Mark Palmani and his wife for fellowship in Baugio. We joined with the church on Saturday for their outreach and visitation. and Joanie led three people to the Lord. Pastor and I had a special visit with an elderly church member who recently has gone blind. It was very sweet to see how special a visit and time of prayer from "her pastor" was!



The highlight of our time there was the 18th Anniversary Service. The building was full and the orchestra and choir was wonderful. I preached for both Sunday services, and they provided a wonderful lunch.

Next, we flew to Dipolog, Mindanao to meet the Morrissey family and get acquainted with their church and staff before the family departs to the States. It's busy around here! We



plugged-in with their soulwinning, where I led over twenty college students to the Lord, while Joanie led a young lady to the Lord. We had a staff meeting, men's prayer night, midweek service, and then Sunday services, where I taught the adult Sunday School. We



had a good dinner with the staff one night and we're feeling like we are getting to know each other. It's a bittersweet time for the Morrissey's and the church, after going through a difficult trial, this is the first time the pastor's family has left since they started the church, about six years ago.

You'll recall, this mission trip was a short-notice need...but we know that God's timing is perfect, and Joanie and I are looking forward to the next couple of months with them! We're honored to help and are already loving the ministry of Truth Baptist Church in Dapitan City, Mindanao!

*--For a Greater Harvest,
Darrell & Joanie Bolton*