



LUTHER AMBAG
serving in **UPI MAGUINDANAO**

Dear Prayer Partners,

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to share our work with you.

We are facing difficult problems today. Because our power company is in debt, the electric power has been turned off. All of us in Maguindanao have been greatly affected, and some establishments have even been forced to close. Another difficulty that we live with is the lack of peace and order due to rebel attacks. The military is under red alert. Please pray that the issues causing these disturbances will be resolved soon. If this situation goes on for months, our work will be greatly affected. Pray also that no one will be harassed or harmed. We are sometimes caught in the cross fire between the military and the subversive elements. It is hard to tell people about the goodness of God when there is chaos everywhere.

Despite all the difficulties and pains, we know that God is still in control. My sister, who suffered from cancer, has gone home to be with the Lord. We are thankful knowing that she received Christ as her personal Savior before she died. During those trying times in our lives, we saw God's hand moving in our midst. We find comfort in the fact that God's timing for each of us is perfect, and that He will carry out His wishes.

I thank God for continuing to open the way to new Bible study contacts. These new contacts are faithfully attending our study sessions and eagerly listening to the word of God. Most of them are becoming more open in asking questions and in sharing their ideas. Please pray that the Lord will continue to lead me to new contacts.

I am so happy to notice the spiritual growth in some of our members. Several have told me that their perspectives on tithing have changed. They told me that in the past they thought they needed their money more than God needed it—that God would understand because He knows they are poor. But after a series of studies about biblical giving and its blessings, the people are gradually responding. Thank God for really working in our midst.

Please pray for Nilo Sanches who has shown a willingness to get involved in our ministry. However, he feels he lacks biblical knowledge and wants to be trained before he begins to help us. I am trying to train him, but the distance between us has proven to be a problem. Please pray that the Lord will provide a way for Nilo to receive the training he needs.

Please continue to pray for my family that, despite all the uncertainties of this world, we will not grow weary of sharing God's word.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Luther Ambag

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise God for the grace He gives to do mighty things for Him*
- *Pray that the members will grow spiritually and become involved in ministry*
- *Pray that electrical power will be restored*
- *Pray that the members will trust God in the midst of the chaotic situation*
- *Pray for Pastor Ambag's safety*
- *Pray that God will provides a way for Nilo to receive training*
- *Pray for peace*

'Let them give glory to the Lord—declare His praise in the islands.'

