

Dear Prayer Partners,

Praise the Lord for a successful and joyous second anniversary celebration for this church plant. It was held in the temporary fellowship house we just built. I thank the Lord because our faithful members invited their friends and relatives; we even had brethren from our mother church as well as from our new cell group. In total we had around 100 people in attendance. Pastor Freddie Bona was our guest speaker. The children and youth performed by singing a song and presenting a drama. Afterwards, we enjoyed lunch together and a time of sharing and laughter. We then held a baptismal service at a nearby beach. Three of our young people, Amy, Ailyn and Ronald, were baptized. Please pray that they will continue to grow spiritually.

Our children's ministry in nearby barangay, San Agustin, has increased in attendance due to the feeding program. Emma Raya is in charge of this program. The children are given a glass of milk daily, Monday through Saturday. We have decided to host this time of nourishment for three months; it is also an effective tool for evangelism. Pray for the Lords' provision so that we can continue to feed the children.

We thank the Lord for giving us two couples who trusted in Christ as a result of the feeding program. They are Romy and Cherry Rollan and James and Crysil Millano. Their children are recipients of our feeding program. Both couples are in great financial crisis. Cherry and Crysil are planning to go to other cities to look for work in order to supplement their husbands' incomes. Many families here are in dire need as they struggle to earn a living and send their children to school. Please pray for these families—that the Lord will pour His mercy on them. Pray that the Lord will sustain them as we minister to them.

Give praise to God for His work in the family of Reynaldo and Maricel Cusi. Reynaldo and Maricel have seven children and a niece and nephew who live with them. Reynaldo is a fisherman; the children who are old enough help him in this work. Maricel is a housewife. The first time we visited them, we shared the gospel and they responded positively to the word of God. In fact, they were delighted that we visited them and told us to come back another time so that they could gather their whole family. The second time we came, the whole family received Jesus in their lives. We now have a Bible study in their home every Saturday. This is helping their family grow in the Christian faith and they are increasing in the knowledge of God's word. Please pray that this Bible study will continue and that the Cusi family will grow spiritually. Pray that they will be able to attend our Sunday services.

We thank you for your prayers for the brethren here. Please continue to lift them up. Many of them are fishermen and this time of year is especially difficult because the strong winds and waves make it hard to fish. So finances are very tight right now. Please pray for provision for their basic needs.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the Lord will bless and sustain the feeding program to the less fortunate children of the area*
- *Pray that the Lord will open more Bible studies for His glory*
- *Pray for the Rollan and Millano families, that the Lord will give direction for their lives*
- *Pray for spiritual growth for Amy, Ailyn and Ronald*
- *Pray for the Bible study with the Cusi family, that all the members will grow deeper in their relationships with the Lord Jesus*

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

