

PHILIPPINES



JUNERY BERDEN
serving in **LABANGON, CEBU**

Dear Prayer Partners,

We celebrated Christmas with a time of fellowship at Cebu Family Park. The place is a 45-minute drive from our church. When we arrived, we began in prayer and then praised and worshiped our God through song and a message from the word of God. Afterward, we ate our lunch and played some games with the children. Some of the members distributed gifts. All were very happy and thankful for such a blessed time of fellowship. As we begin another year together, we pray that God will direct our paths.

The following is the personal testimony of Mark Lopez: "I was brought up in a Roman Catholic family. At the age of 14, I tried to become a religious person by attending mass every Sunday. Instead of becoming closer to God, I found out that I was far from Him. I started smoking, drinking and using drugs. By the time I was 23, I had tattooed my whole body and was a member of FUNK. I have musical talent and was playing my guitar and drum daily with my friends. But I became bored with it and started asking myself about my future. Then I met Pastor Berden and he shared the gospel with me. I surrendered my life to the Lord and received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Today, I attend church regularly." Please pray Mark will grow in the knowledge of God's word. He desires to work in the church someday.

My family and I really praise God for the privilege we've had to be a part of White Fields. It has been a blessing for my family and me. Your support really helped us to plant this church here in Labangon, Cebu City. Now our church is almost five years old. By God's grace, we are growing in maturity and in number. We even have an outreach ministry in Inayawan, Cebu City. We are praying that this summer we will be able to start an afternoon worship service there.

Thank you, White Fields and our prayer partners. Please continue to pray for us and the church. Please also include in your prayers my youngest son who will have his second eye operation this summer (lens implant). He was supposed to have the surgery in December, but it was rescheduled by the doctor. Please also pray for the Lord's provision for the medication.

With Christ's love,

Pastor Junery Berden

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise God for the successful Christmas celebration*
- *Praise God for opening the eyes of Mark; pray for his spiritual growth*
- *Pray God will continue to bless the church with wisdom and direction*
- *Pray for the outreach ministry in Inayawan, that many will hear the gospel message*
- *Pray for godly wisdom, guidance and perseverance for Pastor Junery*
- *Pray for continued open doors to proclaim God's word*

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

