

PHILIPPINES

Dear Prayer Partners,

The members of the Calatcat family were our first converts of this pioneering work in Mabitac. They have been very faithful members and active in the church for more than two years. However, things have changed. Mrs. Calatcat became sick with diabetes which brought about a financial crisis, discouraging the family. Some of their close relatives told them that they were experiencing hardship because they had changed their religion. They now make themselves unavailable whenever we call on them. Pray that the Lord will bring them back into fellowship and heal Mrs. Calatcat.

The Lord continues to save souls in our midst. Jonathan and Heidi Gutib expressed their profession of faith during one of our Bible studies. Jonathan recently lost his business which caused their financial breakdown. Neither of them had found any satisfaction in life until they found the Lord Jesus. They are now attending church and making Christian friends. Please pray that the Bible study we plan to hold in their home will happen.

The month of August is a wet season for us; we expect rain almost every day. When there is a typhoon in Mabitac, we experience floods and landslides due to the two rivers that go through town. Please pray that the Lord will spare us from any natural calamity and protect the people of this area. We have already been affected by the high price of all basic commodities, and the suffering caused by a natural calamity would surely add to the heavy burden we are already carrying.

The following is a personal testimony from one of our members: "I am Maritess Liedo. I have been a Christian for quite some time now, but I know I am still immature. My husband, Sonny Liedo, is also a Christian and just like me, he is immature too. Some called us backsliders, because we were not obedient to the word of God and often skipped church to work. My husband and I were always quarreling. Our five children were affected, but we ignored them. I pretended that everything was fine, but inside I was miserable.

"Our pastor and the church members continued to visit us and pray for us. Now I am thanking God, because I know He still loves us. Through their prayers and consistent follow-up, the Lord spoke to us. We are now back in the fellowship and are spending time in God's word. Praise the Lord! Please pray that the Lord will strengthen our faith as we desire to grow in His word."

Many youth are now serving in the church, and two have decided to go to Bible school this semester. The youth are actively sharing Christ; the group now has about 20 members. Please pray that many young people will be challenged to share in kingdom building.

Your faithful servant in Christ,

Pastor Manolo Beronio



MANOLO BERONIO
serving in **MABITAC, LAGUNA**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the spiritual growth of Jonathan and Heidi*
- *Pray for the Lord's protection from natural calamities*
- *Pray for the Calatcat family, that the Lord will open their hearts and draw them back into the fellowship*
- *Pray for the spiritual growth of Maritess and Sonny Liedo*
- *Pray for those who are converting to Christ, that the Holy Spirit will illuminate their hearts and change their lives*
- *Pray for wisdom for Pastor Beronio*

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

