

PHILIPPINES

Dear Prayer Partners,

Even though we serve God for His glory, some people around us are not happy with what we are doing. Yet I praise and thank the Lord, because as we continue to jointly pray for the ministry, God accomplishes good out of the bad things around us.

When we hold our services, the neighbors are able to hear our songs and preaching. Some of them have reacted negatively to this. One older man, Glecerio Briez, actually became violent in his reaction and began throwing stones at us during church activities. We took that as an opportunity to talk to him and share the word of God. Nevertheless, he refused to listen and continued to harass us. His actions served to help us teach the young believers how to handle persecution. A few weeks ago Glecerio died. The bereaved family could not find a place for the funeral and nightly vigils. We offered the use of our church, and though they were hesitant, they accepted our offer. We discovered that they had once been active in a Bible Baptist church. We invited them to attend our services, but so far none of them have come. We continue to pray for the family.

Just recently, Glecerio's nephew Manuel also died. This time the family approached us about using the church again. This was another opportunity to minister to Manuel's whole family, and they have begun to show interest in what our church is doing. Please pray for the family, that the Lord will continue to use us to minister, not only to them, but to our other neighbors who are reacting negatively.

Michelle Masbate is a young member who faithfully attends all church activities. During a Sunday morning testimony time, she excitedly told us about an experience she had one day when their teacher was late to class. Michelle and another born-again Christian stood in front of their classmates and spent the first half hour of class sharing the gospel with their classmates. She joyfully related the positive feedback she received from them, and is looking forward to more opportunities to share her faith.

The Philippine Alliance College of Theology, where I do some teaching, celebrated its twenty-fourth Foundation Week. About 30 young men and women launched an evangelistic campaign during the week, taking what they had learned in the classroom to the market place. They all returned excited from their experiences with a desire to become future evangelists and church planters. They need our prayers.

Faithfully in our Savior's name,

Pastor Roy Casido



ROY CASIDO
serving in **MALATE, METRO MANILA**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the Lord will draw the families of Glecerio and Manuel to Himself*
- *Pray that the Lord will soften the hearts of those in the area who are against the church plant*
- *Pray that the church members will be vibrant witnesses who mirror Jesus Christ*
- *Pray that the college students will maintain their zeal to share the gospel of Christ*
- *Pray for godly wisdom, good health and encouragement for Pastor Roy as he serves and leads*

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

