

## PHILIPPINES

Dear Prayer Partners,

I am thankful to the Lord that despite chaos in northern Mindanao, our place here in Samar is peaceful. However, people are generally resistant to the gospel. When God's word is shared, they become aloof; some say they will only listen if they get something material in return. This is very frustrating, but we believe that the Lord will eventually work in their hearts.

Despite this negativism, God is at work in some of our new members. A few waiver and become discouraged when they face trials and persecution. They need to grow in their knowledge of God's word to be spiritually strong.

Lately one member of our music team, Aljun Tuan, has been unfaithful in coming to practice. We learned that he is involved with an unbelieving woman. Please pray that the Lord will work in his heart. Another person I would like you to pray for is Ronald Lomocso. He and his wife were faithful in attending church, but lately only his wife comes. We have learned that Ronald is full of frustration and spends his time drinking with his friends. Please pray that we will be able to minister to him, and pray that his wife will remain faithful.

At present, there are four men in my leadership training class. Their names are Rene Monares, Ernesto Labolabo, Berto Degamon and Ronald Fejion. I really praise God that though we are just a few, I can sense a willingness in their hearts to be used by God in the ministry. We pray as a group that there will be more who will join us in this great task.

We thank the Lord for continually giving my family good health as we labor for Him. I would like to share a concern with you, so that you can help us pray. Although I am in the ministry, my first priority should be to my family, for how can I minister to others if I am a failure at home? We are struggling now with some choices our oldest son has made. He has a relationship with an unbelieving woman who is so demanding that our son has to skip church to be with her. This makes us sad because he has always been a faithful Christian. My wife and I have tried to counsel him, but the situation has not improved. Please pray that the Lord will give us wisdom as we deal with him. Pray also for my father who is dogmatic about keeping Saturday as a Sabbath day of rest. Pray that he will grow spiritually.

We continue to praise God despite the difficulties. God also continues to encourage us to fulfill our task of sharing His word. I know that His word will not return to Him void, and that in due time, we will see fruit.

Faithfully in His name,

Pastor Mario Chavez



**MARIO CHAVEZ**  
serving in **SAN ISIDRO,**  
**NORTHERN SAMAR**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the Lord will enlighten and strengthen Aljun and Ronald so that their faith will not waiver*
- *Pray that the four who are attending the leadership training class will remain faithful and committed*
- *Pray for protection and enlightenment for Pastor Chavez's son*
- *Pray for the spiritual growth of Pastor Chavez's father*
- *Pray that lives will be transformed through the power of the Word*
- *Pray for godly wisdom for Pastor Mario and his wife*

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

