

PHILIPPINES

Dear Prayer Partners,

Our ministry not only sees to the spiritual needs of the people in our area, but we also help those who are in need. We give praise to God for our ability to help a couple by providing them a place to stay temporarily. One of our members introduced them to us one morning because the rain we have been getting has submerged their small dwelling place. I brought the matter to the leaders of the church and we all agreed to let them use a small portion of our church's lot. They were able to build a small, temporary home made of light materials. They were very thankful for this arrangement and promised to abide by our rules. God has used this circumstance to bring the Lomosco couple to Himself. They accepted our invitation to come to church and after a week of follow-up, they received the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray their conversions are genuine and that God really has changed their hearts and that they will truly trust in Him as Lord and Savior of their lives.

I also ask you to pray for us and the others in this area. It has been raining heavily here and crops have been submerged, if not completely swept away by the flood waters. You may have heard on the news about the massive flash flooding in Cagayan de Oro and Iligan City, which resulted in many casualties and destroyed properties. I went to Cagayan de Oro because I have relatives there; they are all safe, but the area is vastly devastated. Please pray the Lord will stop the rain and sustain us in this time. Some of our Bible studies have stopped because of the covered roads. It is very dangerous to travel by foot because of the insects, snakes and leeches. Pray we will all turn to God, our only source of encouragement. We know He sees us and He will never leave us nor forsake us.

As a pastor, this intensifies my longing to reach out and spread the good news within our area. People are living in sin and we are reaping what we sow. Our forest here in Samar is slowly deteriorating and as Christians, we need to arm ourselves with the Word and urge people to take care of God's creation. Please pray for us.

Thank you, my dear prayer partners, for the support you have given to us for more than four years. Thank you for fervently praying for us every day. Your prayers and support have paid off because the Lord has greatly blessed this ministry. We thank Him for the church building and the body of Christ who is behind me in this ministry. I continue to lift them up to God, that they will grow spiritually. Some of them are helping me in evangelism and discipleship. And, we now have a committee to help me in the decision-making process. I also thank God for the support of my family. My daughter is very involved in the ministry and my wife helps the ladies. The little income we receive from the church helps support my family and the expenses we have from our evangelism outreach. Please keep praying for this ministry! Again, thank you for your partnership! We will always remember White Fields.

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NORTHERN SAMAR

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise God for His faithfulness in planting this church*
- *Pray for the Lomoscos, that their conversion is genuine and that they will grow in truth & knowledge*
- *Pray the Lord will hold back the rain so the people can recover; pray He will use this to bring more to salvation in Christ*
- *Praise God for the support of White Fields in the church-planting process*
- *Pray the Lord will continue to bless and provide for the Chavez family as they serve Him*

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

