



**PEPITO DATANG**  
serving in **BAGUMBAYAN, LEGAZPI**

Dear Prayer Partners,

I want to tell you about the Bengco family so that you can help us pray for them. They are a great blessing to the church. Bong and Jane are blessed with two children. They received Christ during their college days, but it was only a couple of years ago that they decided to join a church. Jane is our praise and worship leader. She resigned from her job as a nurse to be a full-time mother to their two young children. Bong is an architect and is managing a printing business in Legaspi. Because they live a frugal life and are good stewards of God's resources, their small business gained great profits and grew so large that they branched out in the Bicol region. Because of God's goodness to them, Bong offers our printing services at no cost. Indeed, we thank the Lord for giving us such faithful members. They are not only faithful in their commitment to the Lord's work, but their lives have created a great impact in the neighborhood. Please pray they will remain faithful to the Lord.

As a church planter, struggles come in many forms and always change my perspective. I do believe that problems come our way to test our faith in God and to shape us into His likeness.

For three years, the church building has been standing on land donated by a family in our church. However, the family who donated the parcel of land has changed its mind. This is causing us a great amount of pain. They want the land back, but the building is on the land. We were really caught by surprise. We were confident of the agreement made three years ago, especially because the head of our denomination was present. It was very clear this family donated their land to be used by the ministry. But, people change. How can we pay this family for the lot? Besides, this was not our agreement. Please pray for us and for the landowner. Pray the Lord will intervene on our behalf because we know it is not our work, but His. We can rely only on His power. We know He is in control and will always be on our side, no matter the outcome.

With gratitude,

Pastor Pepito Datang

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise God for Bong and Jane; pray for their spiritual growth and that they will remain firm in the faith*
- *Pray for God's clear direction and guidance for Pastor Pepito and the church leaders regarding the land and building*
- *Pray for the landowners, that they will change their minds, allowing the church to use the land*
- *Pray for spiritual strength and encouragement for Pastor Pepito*

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

