



PEPITO DATANG

serving in **BAGUMBAYAN, LEGAZPI**

Dear Prayer Partners,

I thank God for giving me the strength and wisdom to accomplish many things each day despite the circumstances I encounter. I give Him all the praise.

In one of our outreach Bible studies we met Edith Domencillo, who as a councilor in Barangay Cullat, is well known in the area. At first she was resistant to our ministry work there because she was a devoted Roman Catholic. She ordered us not to preach the word of God in her community, but God softened her heart and opened her eyes to the good things that we were doing. One day she surprised us by joining our Bible study and even offered to host a study in her home. She received Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and is now actively involved in ministry, encouraging us to continue our work. Please pray for her spiritual growth and for her commitment to follow Christ. Pray that God will continue to use her in winning more souls. Pray also for the salvation of her family.

The Bicol region is one of the poorest and depressed regions in the country and a Roman Catholic stronghold. It is always stricken by calamity, the latest one being the super typhoon Reming which heavily damaged the lives and livelihoods of many Bicolanos, especially those who live in Legaspi City and Daraga, Albay Province. These are the places where we first started our church planting ministry. It was very difficult because people were not open to the word of God. We experienced mocking and insults from them. But God made a way for us through typhoon Reming. When the typhoon hit, many lives were lost and many others were left economically and emotionally devastated. We used this as an opportunity to show them God's love by distributing relief goods, groceries, medicines, toys and building materials as we shared the word of God with them. We are now planning the anniversary of our daughter church there. We also have Bible studies and are praying that many more will hear and respond to the gospel. Pray for the success of the upcoming anniversary celebration.

One of our members is becoming a problem because of her attitude. She is very authoritative and assertive and gets angry when things don't go her way. When I spoke to her about her attitude, she stopped attending church. Her actions have become a stumbling block to a lot of believers in our area. Please pray that the Lord will deal with her, and pray for us as we counsel those who are having difficulties because of her actions.

I am thankful that the members have become positively responsive to the needs of our small fellowship. We already have a Sunday school teacher for each department. Please pray that they will remain steadfast and teachable in the service of the Lord.

In His service,

Pastor Pepito Datang

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that Edith Domencillo will be committed to the Lord's service*
- *Pray for the finances needed to accomplish the church's plans*
- *Pray for the Lord to work in Mrs. Magno's life and draw her back to Himself*
- *Pray for the new Sunday school teachers, that they will remain steadfast and teachable workers*
- *Pray that the believers will become strong in their faith and grow to spiritual maturity*
- *Pray for godly wisdom & grace for the Datangs*

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

