

PHILIPPINES

Dear Prayer Partners,

For the last couple of years, Paul Wrenn, a USA National and World Champion in power lifting, has been coming to our public schools in northern Luzon to share his anti-drug message with high school students. Paul is also used by our Lord Jesus Christ in sharing the gospel with these students. Please pray with us, that the local schools here will continue to open their doors to him. May God continue speaking through him, saving young souls.

The holiday season has come and gone and God continues to be good, merciful and sufficient. Praise God! Our Christmas celebration was merry and bountiful. God provided everything. Mario and Imelda gave some gifts to the congregation and food was brought in by all.

We also thank God for the Angeles who live in Camiling, Tarlac. They gave gifts and other items to our congregation. All were so happy and blessed by their generosity.

Some of our youth participated in a youth camp hosted by Santa Ignacia Baptist Church. The theme was ABLAZE, taken from Matthew 5:14 where it talks of Christians being lights in this world, reflecting the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. The camp was indeed a wake-up call for the youth of today. The camp's fees were quite expensive, but give thanks to our Lord who provided what was needed. Glory to God!

I'd like you to pray for a young man named Matt. He grew up in a Christian home here in Tarlac, but they moved to Manila, living there until he graduated from high school. His life in Manila involved fraternities and other bad influences. I thank God he did not become involved in the vices that trap young people. After his graduation, he moved back here, where great changes began. He is being discipled by my two sons Emmanuel and Ephraim and is the bass guitarist for the church. Together the three of them serve as our instrumentalists in our music ministry. Let's ask God for His mercy and love to continue nourishing Matt's life and his ministry. To God be all the glory and praise!

Our partnership with White Fields has come to an end. My family and I would like to convey our gratefulness for your partnership with us these past four years. It has been fruitful and I thank God for your support and prayers for our ministry. God has given us so much—a ministry that will continue, despite hardships. Though our ministry is still struggling financially, we know that God is able to accomplish things through us. Again, thank you so much!

Pastor Leonardo Ilagan



LEONARDO ILAGAN
serving in **CAMILING, TARLAC**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray God will use the testimony of Paul to draw many youth to Himself*
- *Praise God for providing gifts to the church at Christmas*
- *Pray the youth will be ignited to serve Christ*
- *Pray for the spiritual growth of Matt*
- *Pray God will continue to strengthen and build this church*
- *Pray for the Lord's financial provisions*
- *Pray for wisdom and direction for Pastor Leonardo as he leads*

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

