

PHILIPPINES

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for your much needed prayer as we disciple the Mangyan people. We have been utilizing our time by following up with those who attended our youth camp. Remarkable changes are happening with those who had a taste of the good Lord. They are very eager to know more of the word of God and are open to our teachings. Praise God!

We have established group Bible studies in the various communities in which the youth live. We are focusing on increasing their knowledge about God, His word and Christian living. This is all very foreign to them because their culture and ways of life are very different from what the Bible says. They are beginning to understand sin and the holiness of God; this is key. There are people in these communities who reject us. But we know God can work in their hearts—we are to keep sharing the gospel. The good display of testimony from those new in the faith is the best proof of the working power of our Savior.

We have more than 100 attendees in our Tadyawan Minority School. The only thing that motivates these young people is the hope of knowing how to read and write. Once they learn these skills, they will be better equipped to bring others to Christ. It will also increase their ability to help one another during the rainy season when so many diseases become epidemic. They need to learn how to relay their needs to the right people before it's too late.

The construction of our building in Tulalong is nearly finished, but the latest typhoon has really set us back. This storm has wreaked havoc on every community. The majority of the natives caught colds and influenza because of the continuous rainfall. They also lack food during this rainy season and the medicines made available to them are insufficient. We just had two casualties as a result of this—a mother and her newborn child. They caught colds and because the rains did not let up, they were unable to make it to the health center. They died; we just buried them last Saturday. Because of this we are in communication with the local government of Mindoro, telling them of the situation of the native people. The officials are pleased that we work with the natives in the mountains because we play a great part in seeing, not only to their physical needs, but also to their spiritual needs—which is far more important. With all the problems we face in this mountain ministry, God realizes our efforts to bring forth the gospel.

I believe God knows the very needs of our ministry because He has provided us a great companion—Ageo Baldo and his family. I know with all my heart that God is using this man in a mighty way despite the fact that he is uneducated. Baldo is always willing to learn and has great potential for leadership among the natives. Please pray that the Lord will use him for the furtherance of the gospel in this area.

Pastor Danilo Macuha



DANILO MACUHA
serving in **MINDORO**

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the provision of more medicine for the native people*
- *Pray for the completion of the church building*
- *Pray that the Lord will protect Pastor Danilo and spare him from disease as he ministers in Mindoro*
- *Pray for Baldo, that he will remain faithful in serving the Lord*
- *Pray for the success of the upcoming feeding program for the children*
- *Pray for the continuance of the bath and shower program for both the young and the old*

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

