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PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the families who are actively involved in the church; pray God will bless them in many ways—spiritually, physically and by fulfilling their daily needs*
- *Pray for the new college graduate, that the Lord will provide employment*
- *Pray for the intensive follow-up program, that the Lord will bring more souls into His kingdom*
- *Pray for wisdom, understanding and knowledge for Pastor Silas as he leads and ministers to the body*

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



Dear Prayer Partners,

At present, we have four active families in our church fellowship every Sunday. Some of the children are active and others are not. Some of the families are very poor, which presents the problem of malnourished children. We thank the Lord for one family, in particular, that has enough for their daily needs so they extend help to other members of the church who are in need. The mother of the family who gives is a retired public school teacher; they give from her monthly pension.

The heads of these other families have no permanent jobs. One father does fish, so their daily needs depend upon the amount of fish he is able to catch. One of the families is so poor that they cannot send their children to school. This father does whatever he can—carpentry, driving; the mother accepts laundry work. Their testimonies show that the Lord never forsakes them and He provides for their every need.

These four families are very active concerning the work of the church. They participate on the evangelism team, visitation and follow-up. We spend three days together studying God's word and evangelizing and two days for prayer and visitation. They are so faithful in their service to God. Although they are poor, they return their tithes to the Lord together with their sacrificial offerings. And one other thing I can say about them is they are compassionate toward the lost. They want people to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior.

This past month there were many religious groups performing their religious activities. We took advantage of our time by evangelizing the people in our area. We prayed the Lord would grant us open doors so that more families can come to Christ and leave those pagan activities that surround us. They need to know the truth and worship and serve the true God.

We held a special baccalaureate service last month to recognize graduates and offered up prayers for them. We also recognized the participation of the parents' work in the education of their children. We plan to help support some of the needs of the students this year—with notebooks, pencils, etc. We are doing this to show our concern for them and to let them know they are a part of this family of God.

We thank God for three new converts who decided to follow Him in baptism. They are two young people and one adult. There are others who have trusted in the Lord but are not yet ready for baptism. We are busy following up with them. But we believe in the power of the Holy Spirit who will work in their lives, so we continue to pray that the Lord will soften their hearts and that the enemy will not sow seeds of confusion. Many of them have fanatical pasts, but by the power of God's truth, embodied in Jesus Christ, He will change their old fanatical beliefs.

Pastor Silas Padilla