

## PHILIPPINES



**ANTONIO PARANA**  
serving in **SULUKAN ANGAT**

Dear Prayer Partners,

We praise the Lord for the souls who were added to God's kingdom. The entire Buenaventura family received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. They are Virgilio and Carmen and their children Benedict, Karen, Lyka, Nikka, Nicole, Hannah, and Virgilio Junior. I first shared the Word with Carmen whom I met in Jinky's house where I am conducting a home Bible study. Since then I have continued to share the word of God with her. She came to salvation first, opening the door to her husband and family. Praise God that they, too, understood the salvation message. They now have a right relationship with Him. The Lord is working in their lives, and they are able to see how He is providing for their daily needs. Virgilio is a skilled carpenter and they have a small store, which God is blessing. I opened Cottage Bible Fellowship in their house; it is held every Friday evening in order to teach God's word and in hopes of reaching more lost souls in their neighborhood. Please pray for the family, that they will continue to grow in the Lord.

God truly answers our prayers. He is faithful. It is such an encouragement for us to continue serving Him and not to be disappointed in doing the Lord's work. One prayer that God answered was through a friend of mine who gave me the funds to purchase five Old and New Testament Bibles. The church members were so glad to receive these Bibles. The Lord also answered our financial needs for the dedication of my second daughter, Katrina Anne. I also praise God that Jezel, Millet and Nanay Celia are now a part of God's family.

The following is the testimony of Dexter, a 21-year-old who operates a loader in Norsagaray: "I learned about God through Pastor Antonio who happens to be my neighbor. Every time we would see each other, he would give me a gospel tract and invite me to attend Sunday service. I thank God that He used Pastor and other church members to bring me to salvation. Now I attend church and share my faith with my family, but they just ignore me. Pastor is always so faithful in coming to our house and has befriended my parents. He gives them gospel tracts, but my parents do not read them. They just put the tracts down and forget about them. They know that I am attending church, but they are not against it. They just hope that I am on the right path. Please pray that the Lord will speak to their hearts and that they will understand the gospel." Thank you for praying for this family.

I really thank and praise God for the church members who worked together in order to renovate our church for its anniversary at the end of May. At this celebration, five people received Christ as Lord and Savior. We also heard the testimony of Eddie who used to be with an insurgent group. Praise God—his testimony was a blessing to all.

Christ's servant,

Pastor Antonio Parana

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the Buenaventura family will remain faithful to the Lord*
- *Pray that God would grant Dexter's desire to see his family come to Christ Jesus*
- *Pray for the spiritual growth of the new converts—Jezel, Millet and Nanay Celia*
- *Pray for Aunt Tita Rose who has cancer; pray that the Lord will sustain her and her family during this time*
- *Pray for wisdom, insight, health and strength for Pastor Antonio and his wife*

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

