

PHILIPPINES

Dear Prayer Partners,

We thank God that He will give us victory in the ministry to which He has called us.

Since 99% of the believers here in Escalante City are new converts, we have conducted special meetings to make sure they understand the real meaning of water baptism. We thank the Lord that nine people chose to be baptized in August. Glory to God, they are now very active in serving the Lord. Pray with us that God will make them strong in their faith, love and obedience and will protect them from the enemy.

A few months ago, I requested that you pray for Nino Alo to become strong in his faith and grow in his knowledge of our Lord. These past months, I have noticed that he is getting closer to God. He is actively involved in every church related activity and is not afraid to share his testimony or pray in front of the congregation. He attends all four of our Bible studies each week as well and desires to grow in the Lord. God has also made it possible for Nino to get a job as a garbage collector, which has given him a source of income. Praise God for His answers.

Another answer to our prayers is in the area of church growth. More and more people are attending, and new converts are eagerly inviting their former friends to visit our services. Some of them are continuing to attend. We praise God for the witness of these new believers. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless their efforts so that many will hear the good news of Christ.

We continue to pray for a new location to meet, since the place we have now is quite small and not adequate for our growing numbers. When the seats are full, the temperature inside the building becomes very hot. We are now planning to transfer to a bigger gathering place. Please pray that the Lord will provide what we need in His time.

Thank you for your support and encouragement.

Blessings in Jesus' name,

Pastor Ritchell Sebu



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PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray that the newly baptized members will continue to grow in the Lord*
- *Pray that Nino Alo will remain zealous in the Lord's work*
- *Pray for God's provision for a larger place to gather*
- *Pray for Pastor Sebu and his family, for good health and protection as they continue to minister*
- *Pray for those converting to Christ, that the Holy Spirit will illuminate their hearts and change their lives*
- *Pray for open doors to preach the gospel*

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

