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serving in **SIPOCOT, CAMARINES SUR**

Dear Prayer Partners,

I continue to thank God for bringing the ministry this far. I thank Him despite the many difficulties we have faced along the way. God enables us to continue in the work. One hindrance that I considered to be very hard was the sickness of my wife. She had been sick for quite a while, which rendered her immobile in the work. God heard our prayers for medication and now she is back to herself and is once again involved in teaching the children. Thank God for your prayers on behalf of this ministry.

Our children's ministry is doing very well. These young ones encourage their parents to attend our church. It is encouraging to note that it is the children who came to know the Lord first in our Sunday school and through their good examples of obedience and knowledge of the Bible, their parents are slowly coming around.

Our church is moving forward by God's grace. Our Sunday worship starts at 8:00 a.m. in one area and at 1:00 p.m. in our outreach area. Our home Bible study is held from Wednesday to Saturday from 3:00 until 8:00 in the evening. I thank God that although several are not as consistent as I would hope them to be, God is using our leaders to continually minister to these new attendees.

The month of December was celebrated with the usual fun and festivities. We thank God for providing the funds for us to celebrate and give gifts to our children and young people, as well as some needy families in our church. Despite our simple celebration, we were blessed to remember God is the reason for the holiday season and His gift to us in Jesus Christ—the greatest gift of all. Glory to God!

Please continue to pray for us. Right now I am using the teaching material "The Shepherd's Staff" in one of our Bible studies. Please continue to pray for the growth of the church. Pray also for the Lord's provision for the completion of our church building. Right now only the walls of the church have been erected because we still lack materials. But I believe that by the end of March of this year, we will be able to finish the building. Thank you, once again, for praying with us. God bless you and a belated "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" to you and your families.

Christ's servant,

Pastor Julio Albis

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise God for His provision for Mrs. Albis' medication*
- *Pray for the parents of the children, that they will come to the knowledge of saving faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the weekly ministries, that they will continue to produce eternal fruit*
- *Pray for Pastor Julio as he prepares lessons and sermons and teaches the people; pray he will accurately divide the word of truth*
- *Pray for God's provisions for the completion of the church building*

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

