

Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith!

I praise God, indeed, for His work in our midst despite difficulties that come our way. The pioneering work in San Carlos City is doing well and we have an outreach in the town of Bug-ang, in Negros Occidental. My family stays in Bug-ang because this is where my children study and nearly all of my relatives live there. We already have a few men and women in Bug-ang and the men are helping by inviting their friends to our Bible study. This place is hard to penetrate because the majority of the residents are hard-core Catholic. Yet, by the grace of God, we continue with our work and praise God for those who have positively responded to the gospel. I believe one of the virtues that I must develop for this work is patience. I need to persevere and continue knowing that God will continue His work in this place and that there will eventually be people who will come to the truth and follow Jesus Christ. Please pray with me, that God will give me wisdom as I minister to the people in this area.

I praise God for our Saturday morning devotional meeting with some of the men in the church. We start off with a jog and then study the Bible. Afterwards, we have a simple breakfast. I pray the men who are joining me will be consistent and that they will grow in their knowledge of God's word.

Our youth had the privilege of joining an Inter-youth Fellowship in another town. It was held at Bethel Baptist Church in Lopez Jaena, Sagay City. There were about 72 youth who gathered together from four Christian churches. Our youth shared that they learned a lot during this time. They also had fun during the activities and made new friends. As a result, we are going to be conducting a baptismal service for three young people who are now following the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray there will be no hindrances in their commitments to follow Him and become His disciples.

I had the opportunity to join a group that conducts an anti-drug campaign in some of the public high schools in our area. We have plans to conduct Bible studies soon. We are in the process of preparing all the legal documents needed for us to start our mission. The principal of one particular school is very happy that we are initiating this plan. Please pray God will bless our efforts.

We are receiving help from Christians and non-Christians for our feeding program. Some of our youth even donated some noodles and rice. Our ministry is gaining support because we have a Bible study with the children, play games with them and sing with them. There are times when we have a contest on memorizing Bible verses. Please pray that we will be able to reach out to both the children and their parents through this ministry.

Pastor David Bayona



DAVID BAYONA
serving in **SAN CARLOS CITY,**
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PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the Lord's provision for the youth as they plan to attend the youth camp in May*
- *Pray for God's continued provisions for the feeding program and for open doors to reach the parents of the kids*
- *Pray for good health for Pastor David and his family*
- *Pray for perseverance and spiritual strength for Pastor David*
- *Pray for wisdom and spiritual growth for the men in the church*

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

