

PHILIPPINES

Dear Prayer Partners,

One of the greatest encouragements a church planter can have is supportive members. I am thankful to God for the Agustino family. They are a real blessing to the church. Mr. Agustino works for the Philippine Coast Guard and his wife works in Manila for the Department of Public Works and Highways. They have three sons and a daughter. They are all members of our fellowship and attend regularly. In spite of Mr. Agustino's busy life, he still makes the time to help with our church programs and activities. He takes part in the prayer meetings and even in the men's fellowship. His wife is very supportive, too. She is our local women's president and is very active in women's ministries—even visitation. They are such an encouragement to us. We pray that other families in the church would serve like they do. As a pastor this would be encouraging because I would be able to see some of the fruits of my labors. Pray that the Lord will raise up more families to serve Him.

Seminars and conferences are very important to pastors and church planters. We need to constantly be learning so that we are well-equipped to serve the Lord. We need to be effective in the ministry that God has entrusted to us. I thank God for the privilege to attend a Mission Conference recently. The food, lodging and materials were free. I was so blessed to hear some very important topics by the speakers who were there. I learned new ideas and strategies that I can use and teach in my congregation. Please pray that the Lord will be glorified.

Typhoon Frank partially damaged some homes in our community, but we thank God that no one was injured. Please pray as I minister to these people. God has been opening doors so that I can establish new contacts in the area.

Many of the people in this area are poor. Some of them do not have jobs; others do, but the income is very minimal. It is very hard to open a conversation with most people that I meet. They are always in need of something. Yet, when my approach is spiritual, they shrink away. They always think you are trying to introduce them to another religion. Despite the negative reactions of some, there are others who listen and give us time to share the gospel. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to the right people who are willing to hold Bible studies in their homes. Pray that the Lord will touch their hearts.

I praise the Lord that we have diligent prayer partners. Thank you so much for lifting all these matters and more before the Lord God. May He bless you and keep you in His hand.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the Agustino family, that they will abide in the Lord*
- *Pray for more open doors to host Bible studies in different neighborhoods*
- *Pray that the Lord will grant Pastor Galvez wisdom as he leads the congregation towards spiritual maturity in Christ*
- *Pray for the members whose homes were damaged during the typhoon; pray that the Lord will provide for their needs*
- *Pray for the spiritual life, health and studies of Pastor Galvez*

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

