

PHILIPPINES



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Dear Prayer Partners,

Praise God for His wonderful gifts to us all! We experienced the joy of giving this past year when our church decided to have four nights of caroling. The money we gathered was used to buy a Noche Buena package (of grocery items) for ten families here in our barangay and also for one of our outreaches. Praise God because we all took part in this joyful spirit of giving to these families who could not afford food for themselves. This coming Christmas in 2012 we are aiming for 20-30 recipients. May God help us with this goal.

We are also planning to give some gifts to the children because of how poor they are. When my wife and I were at the market one day, we saw some children's clothing and we bought a few items for the very poor children. Praise God because even with this small amount, we were able to provide some with new clothes. My wife will sometimes buy toys for the smaller children—this is why our house is always full of children. They come for toys, but also to listen to a Bible story. Praise God for this wonderful opportunity to be able to share our lives with the poorest of poor in our area, especially the children.

On December 23, we delivered a Christmas package to the Aetas. We have been ministering to this group since we started the work here. God blessed us by providing an amount of money so that we could take gifts to the neediest families of this people group. I thank God for giving me the physical strength to be able to walk the long distance to the mountain just to reach them. This group of minorities needs the Lord and they need us! We were able to distribute foods, used clothing and toys for the children. My heart was really touched when I saw their big smiles and heard "thank you" from their lips.

As a family, we had a memorable Christmas. Our in-laws came to visit us and they brought a lot of food and gifts. My wife cooked a very delicious meal for us. We enjoyed the presence of one another as we savored God's presence, celebrating this very special occasion.

Thank you for praying with us.

In Christ,

Pastor Gerry Tiburcio

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise God for providing the funds to purchase food items, clothing and toys for the needy*
- *Pray for these poor people, that their hearts will be opened to receive the gospel*
- *Pray the Lord will continue to provide opportunities to minister to these groups of people*
- *Praise God for the blessings given to the Tiburcio family*
- *Pray for continued physical and spiritual strength for Pastor Gerry and his wife as they minister and serve others*

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

