



**GERRY TIBURCIO**  
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Dear Prayer Partners,

Rainy season is a very hard time for us, especially when we go to where the Aetas (one of the ethnic groups in our province) live; the roads become very slippery. We walk (barefoot because our shoes would be stuck in the mud otherwise) about 30 minutes from the highway before we reach their place. But, these conditions do not stop us from continuing our feeding program. I even bring my children with me; they enjoy walking in the mud, especially when the rain begins to pour! When we get there, I give a short message and then cook macaroni soup that we serve to the children. My youngest volunteered to go with me every Sunday in order to help me minister to the Aeta children. I praise God that at his young age, he already has a heart that wants to serve the Lord.

One of our new contacts is Nancy, a single parent of three. She used to hide when we would come for Bible study, but now she is joining us. She is very eager to learn more about Him. She is different from other Aetas because she wants her children to go to school and finish their studies. We thank God that a government agency has sent preschool teachers to our place to teach the children. They are using our church as a temporary classroom. Please pray that Nancy will grow in the Lord and that He will use her to influence other minorities to listen to the Word and be involved in His work.

It is a joy to be able to tell you of Mely's spiritual growth. She is one of the fruits of our youth camp. Once very quiet and shy, Mely now shares God's word with other people. She is now in college and is witnessing to her fellow students. She even leads devotions in their boarding house. We are very happy to have noticed this growth in her spiritual life. May the Lord use her more for the furtherance of the gospel.

The following is the testimony of Leocadio Barcelo (72): "I was one of the founders of the Knights of Columbus here in Pantabangan. I was very devoted and active in attending religious activities here. I thought that this was enough for me to go to heaven. Then my son, who was working in Saudi Arabia, came home. He told us that he is a Christian now. I saw great changes in his life and he shared the word of God with me often. One Sunday morning I was the only one left in the house; everyone else had gone to church. I saw the Bible, so I started to read it. After two and a half months of reading it, I gave my life to God. I told my wife that I wanted to start going to church with her; she was so happy. I praise God for the salvation that I received from Him, and I thank God for Pastor Gerry who continually ministers to us."

Thank you for your constant prayers for us as we desire to follow God's will.

By His grace,

Pastor Gerry Tiburcio

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for the ministry to the Aetas, that the Lord will continue to provide all their needs*
- *Pray that Nancy will grow in her knowledge of the Word and that God will use her to reach others who are lost*
- *Pray for God's protection of Mely while she is at college*
- *Pray for the spiritual growth of Leocadio and his family*
- *Pray that those maturing in the faith will become involved in ministry work*
- *Pray for Pastor Gerry's spiritual life, health and studies*

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

