



Courtney & Ester Godsoe

Missionaries to the Philippines

“As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.” Proverbs 25:25

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Dear Praying Friends,

We thank and praise God for His continued blessings on our efforts. We saw 1,680 souls profess faith in Christ during the months of July and August. This included souls won in personal soul winning, 2 funeral services, a house blessing, the public-school ministry, the ministry to our police, our outreach in Lipa City, and other opportunities. We also had 12 folks follow the Lord in baptism.

A unique opportunity in the Philippines is that at many government events, they ask a minister to offer an invocation. We are frequently called, and either I or one of our 2 church staff men go to the event. They are always glad to have us share the Gospel as well. For example, Bro. Jayson, my assistant pastor, was invited to the police station's weekly flag ceremony, held each Monday, and he shared the Gospel with over 60 police officers. The police have a program with public schools where they speak on subjects such as drug prevention, safety, and other matters to help the students. I recently gave the invocation for one of their meetings and was able to share the Gospel with over 100 students, faculty, and police.

We recently celebrated our church's 20th anniversary. It's hard to believe time has gone by so quickly; so much has happened in all of these years. We have had thousands of people saved and have seen many victories and many lives changed. What a very special blessing it is to have people in our church who have been with us since our church was started and others who have joined us through the years. Many who were children and teenagers back then now have families of their own. Their children call me *Lolo Pastor* ("Grandpa Pastor"), and they call Ester *Lola* ("Grandma").

Our young people attended a Youth Revival conducted by Laloma Baptist Church in the Metro Manila area, where they were inspired and encouraged to do more for the Lord.

I never cease to appreciate and be amazed at the tremendous opportunity that we have here in the Philippines. The demand for the Gospel is so much greater than the supply of workers. It is truly a field white unto harvest. The Philippines is called the "Pearl of the Orient." I believe our Lord thought of the Philippines when He spoke of the "*pearl of great price*." Not only is the Philippines a tremendous white field, but it is also geographically located on the southeastern corner of 10/40 Window. Our church here supports missionaries throughout Southeast Asia and the 10/40 Window. Please pray that many more Filipino men and women would surrender to serve the Lord in full-time service as pastors and workers here in the Philippines and as foreign missionaries.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you on Christ's behalf in this wonderful harvest. We are eternally grateful.

Yours for souls,

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