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Dear Pastor and church,

Greetings from the field. Ellen and I are happy to report to you this 2nd quarter. We bring you good news from a far land. Every quarter has its set of blessings to tell. Of course, each month can have its ups and downs, that is just part of ministry and life. But God is gracious enough to allow the blessings to overshadow them all.

In April we took our Young People to the youth camp in the mountains of Baguio. There were 19 High Schoolers and 40 College & Career students. It turned out to a 'Rain Camp' with many storms pouring out on the campers. They were many times soaked to the bone, but their hearts were tender to the preaching. We had one of our teens accepted Christ and has already followed in baptism. Six surrendered to enroll in our Bible Institute and one committed for Bible College and prepare for full time ministry.



May was a month full of travel and speaking in many mission conferences. The Philippines has caught the vision of the Great Commission and is not just supporting with the Faith Promise giving, but are commissioning and sending out missionary families. As of this writing (July 27) we are working with 23 new families making application to use the services of the Clearinghouse. There are 5 months left in 2025 and we expect others to approach ABC in the months to follow.

We have 4 of our families on deputation and we are hopeful that most of them will be leaving for the mission field next year. One of our missionary, Jo Pueblo, she is a widow serving in Uganda was asked to marry a widower who is serving in Tanzania. I performed the wedding May 30 and they will be leaving for the field this August.

June was a jam-packed month. We had some sweet salvation stories. One was a young lady, Jessica, who is an MK, her parents serve in Bangladesh. During one of the evening services she realized she had not really accepted Christ as a young child. But after confessing Christ as Saviour, what a difference of joy was seen in her life.

Also, we shared with a 84 year old lady. She had heard the gospel when she was in college in Manila, but she had never left the Catholic religion. She gladly trusted Christ and was baptized along with her daughter who had recently been saved.



In June we hosted a Medical and Dental Outreach in an area that we had targeted for evangelism. Five hundred people showed up and before seeing the doctors heard the presentation of the gospel. Three hundred eighty said they trusted Christ. Our follow up has led to 5 home Bible studies and discipleship with thirty-five adults.

It is such a joy to serve God wherever he sends you. Ellen and I are honored to serve the Lord on your behalf as your missionary in this part of the world.

Here is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Prayer Letter Report. Thank you for your prayers and love.

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This quarter the Lord blessed us with 174 saved, 9 baptized, 44 first time visitors, 1 Transfer in.