

missionaries in the philippines

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HOLY BIBLE

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Dear Praying Friends,

We are encouraged by what God is doing here on mission field, and I would like to share these with you, trusting that you will find much needed encouragement as well.

BE FAITHFUL TO SOW SEEDS OF THE GOSPEL

A couple of months ago I was shocked to be tagged in a social media post. There was a lady named Charisse who was looking for the pastor whose name was in the front of a Bible, and it was my name! The Bible belonged to her brother who was recently killed in a motorcycle crash. She was reaching out to me to share the story of how that Bible changed her life, and her family.

About five years prior to this surprise contact, a young man named Joseph joined my Bible study of college students. He was an atheist who was struggling with his gender identity. That is a common problem here. However, after the Bible study I gave him his own KJV Bible and signed it, and wrote a message of encouragement in the front cover. For about a year after that, he would read it and began to change from within. Why? Because he truly had gotten saved! Tragically, and suddenly, he died in a motorcycle crash. His older sister knew that he had changed, and it had something to do with that Bible! She started her own spiritual journey that led her to a nearby Baptist church, and she too was saved! She contacted me to inform me to keep on doing what I am doing. My heart was so encouraged at a time that I greatly needed it. Christian, keep sowing seeds of the gospel, go soul winning, pass out tracts, invite people to church, and just don't stop doing it. The harvest will come in God's time. I am reminded of 1 Corinthains 3:6, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

BE FAITHFUL IN MISSION'S SUPPORT

The church here in Cebu had recently stepped out by faith and started another church in Mindanao. That church has just celebrated the first anniversary, and God is blessing it tremendously. There are dozens of new members there now who have had their eternities altered because of Jesus! Any investment is worth it if even only one sinner comes to faith in Christ! The church is pastored by my dad, and they have a team of Bible college graduates from our Bible college here in Cebu. They are averaging about 65 each Sunday now!

When my wife and I went down there with a team from the church, we were so moved that many of the ladies had come back to Cebu in tears. We were able to see the faces of the children who were

saved, see whole families, smiling ear-to-ear, because they were saved by the power of the gospel. We were able to see how our sacrificial giving, though it may have been "small" in our eyes, meant "eternity" to the souls who were saved! Missions is the only investment you can make that will last forever. We were encouraged as we were reminded of that truth.

Prayer Requests: Church lot to be paid off, Bible Colleges students for provision and direction, more Sunday School rooms, the church-plant in Mindanao, a vehicle for furlough, and rental home or apartment.

Japhia soul winning

Visa Update: God is truly answering our prayers. We have everything already submitted and the lawyer says that any day now the Manila embassy will be contacting us for my wife's interview. This gives us a time frame of being in the States possibly by June-July 2024! I am now scheduling for meetings and missions' conferences for the last half of 2024 to 2025. Please, get in touch with me if you would like us to stop by, and please pray for us as we are praying to add 20 new churches as mission's partners.

Your Partners in Missions, Frank & Japhia Denisi

> Frank has been a BIMI missionary since 2009. He and Japhia were married December 30, 2021. Japhia is in application for approval in June 2024.

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