



THE HURST FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE Philippines

2023 Update Letter - November - December

There came wise men from the east... Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

Thank you... We are truly thankful to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who came as a babe born in a stable, lying in a manger, to give His life as a sacrifice on a cross at Calvary, that we may freely receive the gift of salvation. What a privilege to worship and serve our Saviour, the King of kings and Lord of lords, and to share the "Greatest Gift" with a lost and dying world.

We feel greatly blessed by God, that He has given us tremendous partners through each of you. Whether you partner with us financially, in prayer, or both, we thank you and appreciate you. We are grateful for your prayers and your giving, including those who provided special gifts for Christmas. Thank you to each of you! We want to take a moment and share about our family, as well as a few events to close out 2023.

November 1 Outreach... All Saints Day in the Philippines is, for many, a day spent in the cemetery. It is a day that people pay respect to their deceased family members, spending much time praying for the dead. Many will even camp out and stay the night. It is a great opportunity to pass out thousands of Bible tracts and to share the Truth of God's Word. Praise the Lord for the Seeds sown and the decisions made.



Missions Conference... The theme this year was "Lord, Increase our Faith." Praise the Lord for the preaching, the working of the Holy Spirit, and the commitments and decisions made. We are thankful to be able to add two additional missionary families.

Thanksgiving Dinner... Even in our absence the tradition continues. They had a great meal with chicken, sweet potato and green bean casseroles and much more. The best part is hearing people praise the Lord and share how He worked in their lives.

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Academy Christmas Cantata... Each year the church has a Christmas program, and up until this year, the school kids were included. This is the first year that the Academy had their very own Christmas Cantata. The students did an excellent job and we are so very grateful for their hard work, and the incredible effort of our faithful teachers. A short Gospel message was shared at the end and many responded, receiving Christ as their Saviour.



Family... Chris and Ivy... We are both doing well and thankful for God's protection upon our lives this year. We have enjoyed a short time in the US, with the opportunity to visit some supporting churches and to spend the holidays with Chris' parents and our children.

We are excited to return to the Philippines January 2, and look forward to what God will accomplish in 2024. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness and blessings upon the ministry and are thankful to the Behmans for leading while we are away. Thank you for praying.

Zeth and Kaitlin ... They recently celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary and enjoy serving the Lord in the beautiful, but chilly State of Michigan. Zeth continues serving as an Assistant Pastor, and Kaitlin teaches in the Church's Christian school. They stay very busy, but love being in God's work, especially with young people.

Andrew... He is doing well and is enjoying living and working in the Pensacola area.

Thank you for praying for our family and faithfully partnering with us to reach the Philippines with the Gospel.

Again, we want to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

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