

HARDECKER HEADLINES

Independent Baptist Missionaries to Taguig City, Philippines sent by Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Brogue, PA

[2018] A Year in Review and a New Year in Preview [2019]

Dear Praying Friends,

Jan. 2019

2018 is now swallowed up in eternity past, but we are thankful to God for His mercy that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. Numbers aren't everything but they do help us quantify and see what the Lord has done through your faithful support, love, and prayers. This year, we have personally seen 17 souls come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Ten Bible studies have been conducted (3 were evangelistic and 7 were discipleship). Six precious believers received believers baptism. Seventeen KJV Bibles have been generously given. 11,000 gospel tracts have been distributed, not to mention hundreds of children's Tagalog gospel tracts (written by Marcia), and 1,000 customized Tagalog gospel tracts donated to a church planter friend. Our week long Vacation Bible School in June saw three young men receive the Lord as Saviour and two of them continue to attend our boys' Sunday School class. Due to the influx of attendance in our children's Sunday School, we had to split the group into two (boys and girls) and this has worked fantastic in reaching even more children for the Lord. More volunteer workers are also being trained as a result. Our children's Sunday School averages a solid 50. Our adult/teen Sunday School averages 10. Our Sunday Services average 25-30. Our jail ministry saw fruit by a man responding and bringing his entire family to church (and they are continuing to attend as a family every week). We were able to sing Christmas carols and share gospel tracts in a local hospital/clinic in Tuktukan over the holidays. We were also able to carol four needy homes and share some Christmas joy with some of our regular attenders. Several events lay ahead and we ask you for your sincere prayers. **First**, we have a fresh number of attenders who are sincerely desiring to be baptized. Pray that I may be able to sit down with them and go over the doctrine of believers baptism. Pray that they would not turn aside from obedience to the Lord's mandate. **Second**, pray for the safe arrival and ministry opportunities for our sending pastor (Pastor Chris Starr and family). We will get to enjoy a few days of fellowship and ministry with them. **Third**, pray for Marcia's permanent visa. **Fourth**, pray that the Tuktukan City Hall would grant us the use of their indoor court for our second Vacation Bible School in April. **Fifth**, pray that we are granted a tax exemption for 12,000 Tagalog John/Romans. Our sending church has graciously collated and shipped them; we are just waiting to hear about the tax-exemption. May the eyes and heart of God be towards our precious work.



It sure is encouraging to see a packed house on a regular Sunday morning. Pray that many would truly repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Also, please pray that we can find a suitable place to meet.



Marcia is able to take the younger children in our church outside after the last congregational song (before the sermon) to help parents be able to focus on the sermon.



Pastor Courtney Lewis, Missionary David Cloud, and Pastor Medel Barrera are three wonderful servants of the Lord encouraging national & international missionaries and pastors to preach the Word. Serious lectures and preaching edified us for three days and no small thanks belongs to the gracious church workers of Berean Bible Baptist Church in Bacoor, Cavite.



In the New Year we were able to recognize our most faithful children's Sunday School attenders. Our desire is to actively serve on the Lord's Day for the good of the children.

Missionary Dan Tessin was able to come in the New Year and preach and teach God's Word. We are so thankful for faithful friends like him.



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