



Ephesians 4:12

Dear Pastor, Church Family & Friends,

March - May 2022

I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining everyday, still praying as I'm upward bound, Lord plant my feet on higher ground. As we watch sometimes in disbelief to all that is happening around the world, may we continue to walk by faith on Heaven's table land.

We are still praising God for the work of God in the Province of Palawan. His Church continues to grow and not just in numbers. Staying the course is growth, serving with loving obedience is growth, walking in the light of His word, and giving the Gospel to lost souls are indeed some signs of spiritual maturity. We are humbled and blessed to have a part in that which God does so perfectly!

IN THE DAYS AHEAD : The last Saturday in June will be our Baptism Service along the shores of the Sulu Sea. Three young people including my Son Matthew will follow the Lord in Believers Baptism. They have expressed their assurance of salvation and willingness to follow the examples clearly taught in scripture. The young and old teens are planning and preparing for a Christian Dramatization of the Prodigal Son. Complete with a scriptural narrative, costumes, and hopefully some realistic props. Our aim is to reach the lost and encourage the backslider. This will also serve as a motivator to our young people. Often times the focus is about bonding within and enjoying the fun times, but this will hopefully open their hearts more for reaching beyond themselves.

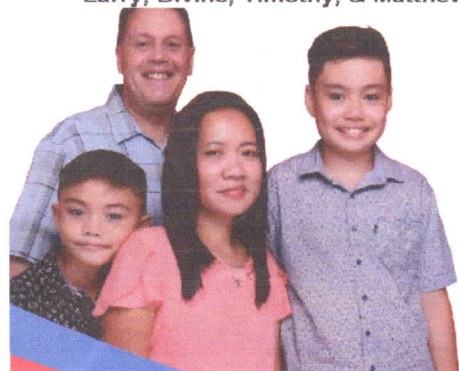
TRAVEL NEWS : It would seem for now my Furlough to the States is on hold. The Philippine Government has issued a new ruling forbidding Foreign Nationals who are not fully vaccinated from entering the country. This essentially means I would not be allowed to return to my family or mission work. However on a brighter note domestic travel has opened up. It's been three years since our family has had any vacation time and so after the school year is finished we are planning to get away. We will visit family in Manila and the church family of Redeemer Baptist Church, which was our second Church plant. Looking forward to some R&R and fellowship with our brothers & sisters in Christ.

NOTES OF PRAISE : Hard to include this last, but maybe the old saying: " I saved the best for last" is true. Anyway for a couple of years now we had prayed for new vehicles, one for our family, and one for our Church. In just a few short months God has answered by providing a Tricycle (motor bike with side car) and a four door pickup truck. All glory belongs to God and we still remain humble to God for meeting these great needs. We would also like to thank our sending Church (Lighthouse Baptist), Liberty Baptist Church, Maplewood Baptist, and several dear friends in ministry for not only praying but giving.

PRAYER REMINDERS : The transitioning of a Filipino Pastor, and the start of a new church plant. At this point we're still not 100% sure where that will be, but some short survey trips are in the near future.

IN CLOSING : We continue to rejoice in serving our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, and by His grace remain faithful to the call.

Your Missionaries to the Philippine Islands,
The Shaffer Family,
Larry, Divine, Timothy, & Matthew



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