



The Shaffer Family

Missionaries to Palawan, Philippines



Evanglizing the Lost

**Ministries:
Discipling the Believers**

Church Planting

Dear Pastor, Church Family, & Friends

(2 Thessalonians 3:5 KJV) And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

This is one of the many exhortations given by Paul which has strengthened my faith over the years. The Lord knows our present work is pressing toward the mark, and In the midst of recent trials God's word remains our foundational truth for a living faith!

Where to begin? I suppose it must be with a rejoicing heart for the victories. For several months God has been working on the hearts of our young people's Parents. Two Mothers in particular have the assurance of their salvation and are willing to follow the Lord in Believers Baptism. Apart from them I recently baptized a Father & daughter who are family members to another faithful member of our Church. This so reminds me of

(Acts 16:31 KJV) And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Our training programs have also been a huge blessing! My wife has taken several young ladies through some classes on teaching children in Sunday School, and I'm presently teaching our young men's Bible Doctrines Class. A 26 week course complete with lesson tests, and Certificate of Completion.

As I mentioned in our last update the primary focus for now will be Tagumpay Baptist Church while praying and searching for the place God would have us start our fourth Church. So far our surveying has taken us North, South, and West. East is not an option because it would put us in the middle of the Sulu Sea. We believe God's timing is perfect in these matters but I have to admit it's been a bit frustrating. God has graciously provided the finances to get started but the land purchase has been harder than we first imagined. So far our searches have led us to properties that are too large or too small. Many are overpriced and many have not a clear title. Please make this a priority in your prayer time. Our present Church is excited at the thought of helping to start a new work for the Lord!

Another note of praise! Brother RR who some of you might remember as being the first saved and baptized in our church is back serving with us. He was working in the city but now able to attend again. Please continue praying for God to grow his faith and guide him in the work of the Lord!

Other blessings in the work! Our kubo hut where the Sunday School children meet had some much needed repairs, especially the flooring. Thankfully our new baptized member came forward to help and completed the work! The other blessing was the replacement of our deep well water pump. We experienced one week of manual pumping at the community well which is not anything new but I have to admit when you get used to turning on the faucett it's a little uneasy. Anyway with the help of our Landlord in the city, a member of the Church, and a neighbor we got the job done, praise the Lord!

Other Prayer requests...Our family will be going off the Island for one week. We will spend time with friends coming over from Australia and visiting our second Church plant in Mendez, Cavite. I will be preaching on Missions emphasis Sunday for Pastor Luis. Also be in prayer for my Pastor friend here in Palawan who will be teaching & preaching for me in my absence.

Praises to share... Our boys finished the School year with honors. Actually Timothy was first in his class. We encourage them in their studies but did not imagine they would do this well especially with Matt being in the States for one whole quarter of the School year. I also praise the Lord for their growth at Church. They are learning to serve more. Tim with guitar, choir, and visitation, and Matt with visitation and choir. Both of them have also been a witness at School in giving the Gospel to classmates and sharing Scriptures to even the teachers.

Hard to compress all the blessings and prayer requests over the past few months, but just know God is doing a wonderful work in the hearts of His people. Your prayers and giving have born much fruit to the glory of God! As always, I remind you to check out our FB Page for pictures and videos of His blessed work!

Thankful to be serving Him,

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(1 Peter 5:10 KJV) But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

I could not think of a better verse to describe our walk of faith in recent months. By His grace the work continues, and God is still saving souls and calling men into the Ministry. We are rejoicing with a man named Julius whom I baptized a few months ago, for expressing his desire to become a Pastor. Please pray with me in helping him reach that goal!

Some who were recently saved are ready to follow the Lord in Believers Baptism scheduled by Septembers end. On another note more members are stepping up and getting involved in different areas of ministry which always rejoices my heart. It's also a blessing to watch the continued faithfulness of those in places of service already.

Land search to start our fourth Church is narrowed down to two areas south of our present work. We should know by weeks end. Many factors have gone into this decision making the process even longer than we had expected. God's will is perfect so our prayers have been persistent!

We will begin sowing & watering the seed and allow God to give the increase. Our present Church is excited for more souls to be saved, and another church of like faith being started.

--- Prayer requests:

- My health issues with high blood
- Tim and Matt's continued studies at school
- The training of Bro. Julius
- young men's Bible Class
- visitation/soulwinning
- Sunday School classes
- Choir
- outreach in the prospective areas of our fourth Church plant
- our visitor from the U.S., Bro. CJ Grant
- our monthly finances
- overall grace & strength for our family

In closing we hope you will follow our Tagumpay Baptist Church Facebook page. The preaching, teaching, and music ministry is uploaded weekly.

Thank you all for the faithful prayers & giving. Great is our rewards in Heaven

Love in Christ,

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