



The Tessins to the Philippines

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Dear Praying Friends,

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Susana was a 100-year old lady in our community with whom **Raquel** had Bible studies. While on her death bed, Susana's family asked if she wanted to confess her sins to the priest. She replied, "No, I have already confessed my sins to **Jesus**. I would like to have a Bible study with the church ladies." By the time they were able to contact **Alenor**, the single missionary lady who works with us, Susana was already with the LORD. *Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.* (Psalm 116:15)

Vanessa has been worshiping faithfully at Hope Baptist Church for several months now. Praise the LORD that she recently received Jesus Christ as Savior!

On June 9 we enjoyed a lovely church service at the baptism of **Jessie and Marites Romana**. What a blessing to witness a married couple follow the LORD in believer's baptism!

The prohibition of children leaving their homes has been a challenge to work around. Several months ago we began hosting weekly online services for the children of **Hope Baptist Church**. This weekly **Children's Hour** featured Bible lessons, Cebuano Bible songs, live fun games such as "guess what **Danielle** is drawing", and puppets. The parents in our congregation really supported this program and the children truly enjoyed it. The best part is that it's all over now. As of last week children are allowed to go to church again. Praise the LORD! We even have some new children attending!

During the pandemic we have had to make a lot of ministry adjustments. Having online services no longer seems like a strange, new thing. One of ladies at **Hope Baptist Church** was very surprised recently to find that her 6-year old son had used her cell phone to hold a live online Cebuano worship service in which he led a song, quoted a memory verse, and shared a short message. Perhaps we have a future preacher in our Sunday school class?

We are very thankful that God provided a building for our congregation. The renovation was completed just in time for the pandemic. We have now begun phase two of the building which includes a church bathroom and a utility closet. God also recently provided eight tables for church functions.

When the **Philippines** called for a lockdown in March of 2020 many people were stranded nationwide. We are so happy and blessed to have **Jennifer** with us after a year and a half of being unable to see her. She will be returning to **Quezon City** soon to finish her senior year studying Sacred Music. We treasure this time with her.

We are so happy that Jennifer was able to be home in time to join us for Danielle's surprise graduation party. **Danielle** used the pandemic time to study God's Word through **Southern Indiana Baptist College**. She graduated with an Associate of Theology degree.

Thank you for your continued faithful prayers.

Joyfully Serving Christ,

Dan, Raquel, Michelle, Jennifer, and Danielle Tessin