

MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE PHILIPPINES

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“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” - Luke 2:11
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Dear Friends:

Maligayang Pasko! That means “Merry Christmas” in the main dialect here in the Philippines. It is hard to believe how quickly another year has passed by! We have been so blessed from what God did this year. So many souls saved, baptized and added unto the church. As a missionary here on the field I am ever so privileged to have a front row view to the miracles that God is doing here on the mission field. We have seen more families come and get saved, and even baptized together. For those of you who are not yet familiar with the work here. We are church planting on the island of Cebu, which has a population of about 3.5 million people, while the land area is slightly less than that of Delaware.

The church-plant here started in 2003 under the leadership of my Dad, Missionary Peter Denisi. Currently I serve as his associate pastor. It is an honor and a privilege to work with my parents on the mission field. While my Dad is still recovering from his heart attack in April, I know that this is a precious time that I have. With that said, please enjoy your time with your family, live for the Lord, seek to please Him and honor him in all that you do. While you gather for the Holidays, lift up Christ and share Christ to your unsaved relatives. It is God that grants to us the opportunity to spend time with family, and the joy in serving the Lord together. Be grateful for what God has done and is doing in your lives.

A few quick prayer requests before I close up 2017. Pray for us as we are starting an orchestra at church. The young people here are so excited to honor the Lord and serve him with Christ honoring music, especially in the song-service during the worship services. Instruments here are quite expensive for the nationals but we are trusting God to provide. Violins and Violas will cost about \$80 upwards. While the brass instruments will cost \$250 upwards. God knows our heart in this and we are trusting him to provide our instruments for the orchestra.

Please, continue to pray as we may have to leave the rental property we are on now. This is a prime piece of property for a church as we are only walking distance from the high school and the elementary school. However, the owner is wanting to sell the property, and is offering us the opportunity to buy. However, if we cannot buy, we will have to leave. Please, pray for us that God would control the situation. As a missionary can attest, these are the things that cause stress, but I am leaving it to God to show himself strong. Join us in prayer to buy the property we are renting now. Also, huge thanks to those who have already helped along the way. God is so good! We give him all the glory. A Merry Christmas and Happy New year to all you back home. Thank you for another year of partnering to reach the Filipino souls.

Your Missionary,

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