

# MASON PRAYER LETTER

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It is always exciting to begin a new year. Many people like to make plans and promises to themselves of things they would like to do and of things they would like to change. And it is true that we need a vision to keep us focused on the tasks that God would like to entrust to us.

We have begun to make a few plans for the church here in Dumalneg. Most of the plans revolve around the new addition and Sunday school classes. We praise the Lord that He answered a prayer that we have had for quite some time. We have been praying that the Lord would provide the necessary funds to purchase a roof for the new addition the church has been building. And on the last week of 2017, our home church informed us that they would like to cover the costs of the roof. We are in the process of preparing the necessary materials and other things that must be done first before we can install the roof. This will give us one more needed classroom, an auditorium, and 2 new restrooms. For quite some time, we have discussed a new class, but we have no space. So, we are very grateful for what the Lord has provided.

Our theme is: "Having a mind to work," from the book of Nehemiah. Not only to build the church building, and all the other work that will be done, but also having a mind to work and do the various ministries that God would have us to do.

We have already begun to prepare one more of our teens, Jeuel to teach. And we are excited by her desire to teach. Myrel, one of the teachers is also our piano player, as God has given her a talent in this way. We are trying to change the teaching schedules so that Myrel can play the piano along with Mayvee on the guitar, and others on the recorder for the main service. We are excited to be able to further the music ministry with the addition of the new building.

The new building will also enable us to invite other churches to join in various

fellowships. During the summertime, we are planning to be host a few E-camps. Evangelism Camps. These 3 days camps are focused on reaching the lost. The church teens will be the cooks, cleaner, and counselors. A group from Manila will provide the preaching and activities. We would like to host at least 3 different E-Camps in the surrounding areas.

So, we have a few plans and are continuing to acknowledge God for the additional activities.

We would like to praise the Lord for the Christmas and New Year fellowships. Everyone pitched in and made the work much easier. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of December, we took the teens on a 2 day camping trip in the mountains of Adams. We praise the Lord for the beautiful weather, good spirit, and the opportunity to meet with some new teens in that town. The Baptist church in that town just got a new pastor, so we were able to encourage them a little bit.

As with all new ideas, and plans, there are hindrances, just like in the book of Nehemiah. Please pray for the teens. The worlds influence is so strong and so many things come up in the school to either capture their interest or just to be a distraction. We sometime feel that every Saturday and Sunday is like detox. Those are the days in which we can battle strongly what has happened to them during the week.

We praise the Lord also for the various adult ladies that attend. They are very faithful on Sunday morning. We are praying that they would also be faithful for the other services as well as soul-winning.

Recently we have had very good soul-winning opportunities. However none of them have trusted in Christ.

We spoke to one mother who told us that the other parents are afraid to allow their kids to come to church because they might become like Ercie, and be a fanatic. Quite humorous, and yet quite true. We wish that everyone in the town of Dumalneg would be zealous for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ercie has gone back to Bible school to finish up her year. The school year will be over in April. She has already received news from the missionary family who is inviting her that everything is a "green light." The Gracinez family can legally invite her over and can provide Ercie with the appropriate papers. Lord willing she should receive these within the next month or so. Please pray that her heart will be tender always toward Gods perfect will.

We praise the Lord also for Kristi's health. She has had many good days. And for the most part, the holidays were low stress. We are praying that in this new year, we will be able to find out more information that she needs.

Hudson, Kayla, and Nathaniel are all doing well. We were able to find a second hand motor so that we all can ride around in the mountain. He absolutely loves tinkering with the motor. Kayla seems to love to draw and paint. She also loves to help Kristi in the kitchen. Nathaniel is on full speed all the time. If there is water to be found. He will be in it. If there is mud, it will be on him. Throw in a few tools and he walks around singing, "Bob da builder, can fix it? Yes can."

Yes, God has been gracious and continues to be. The most exciting thing for us is seeing how Gods word is illuminating various members as they read His word. We love hearing testimonies of how God has brought alive a new truth to them. The more we are exposed to His word, the more we will be like Him.

Please continue pray and hold the rope for us. Pray for men. The church is praying faithfully for several and are hoping that this is the year, in which God will bring them to the light.

As always, it is a huge honor for us to be a part of your ministries. We do pray for you all that God would bless you indeed, and give you fruit for His name.