



THE HURST FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE

Philippines

2018 Update Letter #5: October-November

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: - Psalm 103:1-2

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

God is always good and we realize that we have so much to praise and thank Him for, including each of you. Thank you for your prayers and partnership.

October began with us in the Philippines for the burial of Ivy's mother. Chris and a national pastor had many opportunities to share the Gospel. We are thankful for time with Ivy's siblings and two of her sisters receiving assurance of their salvation.

We flew to the U.S., participated in a Missions Conference then left for Jacksonville, FL. Within fifteen minutes of being picked up from the airport we were involved in a four car accident on I-95 totaling the vehicle we were riding in. We praise the Lord for His protection and allowing each of us to walk away with nothing more than sore ribs from our seatbelts.

Traveling the East... We began our travels up and down the East; driving our old Corolla over 7,500 miles in six weeks. It is quite different with just the two of us; fitting in a small car rather than needing a minivan like deputation. We traveled to twelve states reporting to many partnering churches, sharing the Lord's work in the Philippines. We praise the Lord for His provision and protection through Indiana snow showers, the beautiful foliage of Ct. and the warmth of South FL. Before Thanksgiving we enjoyed fellowship at BIMI's headquarters with several Directors, Dr. Godfrey and the president Dr. Snyder.

It is a great blessing and encouragement to visit some of our partnering churches and not only share what the Lord is doing in the Philippines, but also to see what He is doing in America. We are thankful that we can also be a blessing to many individuals and an encouragement to partnering pastors.

The Work Continues ... Even as we are in the US, we praise the Lord for souls being saved, discipled and lives being transformed. We are thankful for

Missionary Mel Brown filling in while we are away. Praise the Lord for a man, 84 years old, willing to continue serving the Lord as long as God gives him strength. We are also thankful for the Prussia's who joined us at MVBC in January. They have been a great blessing in the ministry. The Lord has provided many in the church who are spiritually growing and maturing, taking on responsibility. We praise Him for working in and through the Filipino people.

Joseph was born premature and not expected to live but God had other plans. In 2016 he trusted Christ and prayed for over a year that his father would be saved. In April he saw the Lord answer his prayers! He is now the primary preacher in Children's church and after graduating high school in April 2019, he is preparing to enroll in Bible College.

Maybel, (Bel), received a Bible tract and came to church wanting to know the Truth. She trusted Christ in April and Chris baptized her two weeks later. She has been faithful, being discipled by Mary Joy. This week she began Bible college. Please pray for Bel! Her family is against the decisions she has made.

Mary Joy was one of our first converts in 2013, has graduated Bible College and is now one of our school teachers. She leads children's church with Joseph and is training Bel. The Lord transforms lives and uses people. Her father recently trusted Christ and is being discipled by Dr. Prussia.

Thanksgiving ... Three years ago we began a tradition with Thanksgiving dinner before our midweek service. This year that continued with Dr. Mollie heading up the cooking. Praise the Lord for around seventy in attendance with several visitors.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! We are so thankful to Him! May each of us "forget not all His benefits." Thank you!

Christopher & Ivy Hurst



Prayer Requests

- More souls to be saved, baptized and discipled
- Teachers, interns and students for our Academy
- A Faithful full-time staff member
- Spiritual growth of our people
- Our daughter's wedding
- Our return in Jan.



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