



THE **HURST** FAMILY
MISSIONARIES TO THE
Philippines

2018 Update Letter #6: December

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. - Matthew 1:21

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is our sincere prayer that each of you enjoy a blessed time with family and friends this Christmas season, reflecting on God's amazing love and grace, revealed through the greatest gift ever given—our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May the New Year be joyous and bountiful in the Lord's harvest fields!

We are very thankful for the opportunity to be with family this Christmas for the first time since 2012. We look forward to spending time with Chris's ninety-nine-year-old grandmother and our new son-in-law.

Family Update... Children grow up so quickly, but we are very thankful to the Lord for the years He gave us with Andrew and Kaitlin. Andrew just finished the first semester of his junior year in college and is enjoying relaxing over the Christmas break. Kaitlin graduated back in May and is now teaching ninth grade English and working as an editor for Abeka publishing.

Wedding Day... On December 15, 2018, our daughter Kaitlin was married to Zeth Hicks. Zeth was a pastoral major and is now studying for his M. Div. They are excited to serve the Lord together. Chris had the privilege of officiating the wedding.



We are very thankful for our new son-in-law and look forward to the Lord working in and through their marriage.

Shipping Container... A few days after the wedding we filled a twenty-foot container with church and school materials including books, Bibles, John and Romans, Bible tracts, curriculum, office furniture, and some personal items as well. We are thankful to everyone who helped load the container and all of those who provided or helped obtain materials to send to the Philippines.



Reflecting back through 2018... We praise the Lord for His presence in our lives through the joys and sorrows of this year. The first six months of the year saw many outreach opportunities with visiting teams, missionaries, and preachers. We are thankful for the hundreds of decisions, many baptisms, and fruit that has remained until now. The last six months revealed the spiritual growth and responsibility of our people in our absence. The third quarter of the year was a time of compassion and care for a mom who was selfless, always sacrificing for others. The fourth quarter was spent on the road visiting many supporting churches and preparing for our daughter's wedding. God is so good and faithful all of the time.

Christopher & Ivy Hurst

Praises in 2018

- The Prussias joining with us in ministry
- Souls saved and lives changed.
- Two Bible college graduates and another beginning
- Summer intern
- Faithful partners
- Our daughter graduating college, serving the Lord, and beginning a life long commitment in marriage.

Prayer Requests

- Our return to the Philippines in Jan.
- More souls to be saved, baptized, and discipled
- Spiritual growth of our people
- New families
- A faithful, full-time male staff member
- Teachers, interns, administrator and students for our Academy

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