



Philippine Missions

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

With all our love and thanksgiving, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we complete our seventh year in the Philippines, we reflect on God's goodness in everything. November greeted us with back-to-back typhoons. However, by month's end, we saw 16 Deaf individuals filled with the Holy Ghost and 13 baptized in the name of Jesus.

After three years away, we returned to Davao to prepare for next year's General Conference. We met 35 Deaf at Jolibee on Friday and worshipped with 28 at Together UPC on Sunday, where one Deaf girl was baptized. We returned to Cebu eight hours prior to the landfall of Typhoon Tino.



A HARVEST IN BACOLOD

We flew to Bacolod the second week of November, for the Western Visayas District Conference, providing transport, food, and lodging for Ruby and 7 Deaf from Iloilo. Nine Deaf attended; 3 received the Holy Ghost and 4 were baptized.



A MOVE OF GOD IN EVD

During the third week of November, we participated in the Eastern Visayas District Conference. Tom served as one of the daytime lecturers. The two-day conference was attended by 46 Deaf individuals. Each evening, transportation and dinner were provided for at least 40 attendees. Thirteen Deaf received the Holy Ghost during the event, and over the following two Sundays, seven individuals were baptized.



We want to thank you for all your love, support, and prayers. God bless you!



STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AND REACHING THE DEAF



We visited UPC Danao one Sunday with 9 Deaf attendees. Tom preached, and afterward we led a workshop for new interpreters. Earlier in the month, a Deaf man from Danao was baptized.



Ailsa, an interpreter from Australia, invited us to Pandan, Antique, for a Deaf Awareness Workshop. Ruby and four Deaf individuals from Iloilo joined for the weekend. We conducted the workshop on Saturday, and Tom preached on Sunday.



We were excited to have Mark and Tammy, our friends from Idaho, join us on our trip to Bacolod. They have been a great support to us over the years.



Finally! We began teaching at UPBI Bible College: Tom teaches Hebrews and Church Administration, while Becky teaches FSL.



December was a month full of anniversary and thanksgiving services, giving us the chance to visit Cebu churches with Deaf Ministries. Throughout the month, we distributed clothing from America and handed out approximately 50 sacks of rice, each weighing 5kg.