

# PHILIPPINE MISSIONS



## How the Bohol Deaf Ministry Began

In November, we learned of a Deaf woman who had been baptized months earlier in Cebu and received the Holy Ghost at our District Conference. She had since moved to Bohol, where there was not yet a UPC church with a Deaf Ministry.

In February, we contacted the pastor of UPC Tagbilaran, who enthusiastically accepted the challenge to reach the Deaf community.

Revival is spreading within the Deaf community. In February and March, 13 Deaf individuals were baptized, and one received the Holy Ghost. After years of focus on Bohol, UPC Tagbilaran launched the island's first Deaf Ministry in February.

- ### FEBRUARY-MARCH HIGHLIGHTS
- Made three trips to Bohol
  - Visited Deaf employees at Mother's Touch Massage
  - By the end of March, 12 Deaf individuals had attended services
  - Three were baptized, and one received the Holy Ghost





Three pastors from Indiana held a crusade in Cebu the weekend of February 8<sup>th</sup>. Two Deaf individuals were baptized that weekend, following three baptisms the previous week. We also visited Mandaue, where another Deaf man was baptized. That evening, 13 Deaf individuals attended the crusade in Talisay.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we joined Steven and Billie Jean Bishop for a Prayer Crusade in Danao. Many adults and children were baptized and received the Holy Ghost. One Deaf man, who typically works Sundays, was thrilled to attend the Monday night service and was baptized.

Palm Sunday two Deaf ladies were baptized at our home church in Lapu Lapu City.





We were honored to attend the inauguration of Hope Village International. We rejoiced with Jeff and Brenda Mallory as they saw their dream become reality. By the end of February, the first children had arrived.

We commend this year's UPBI graduating class for their tenacity and determination. In October, two earthquakes and a typhoon disrupted the school year, requiring relocation to Cebu City and a two-month extension. We celebrated with them at their graduation ceremony in February.



In March, we enjoyed a family visit from Rey and Gaylene. We spent time together in Cebu before they traveled to Rey's home province of Pangasinan. We later met again in our former home city of Tagaytay.

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