

Bohol Island Philippines Mission Work & Medical Evangelism
Church of Christ, Tagbilaran City, Bohol, Philippines

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Hello brethren, Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray everyone is well and in good health.

It's hard to believe that March is here already. This has been a busy year so far for the work. The last week of December and the first week of January two typhoons tore through the Philippines causing major flooding and killing over 200 people. This was some of the worst flooding these regions have seen in more than 50 years. Many brethren from Ormoc City, Leyte to Tacloban City, Leyte had their homes totally submerged under water. After the storms had stopped Deborah and I had the privilege to visit some of the brethren affected to encourage them and to provide food for their families. To all who helped contribute we would like to say thank you. Because of your generosity we were able to help 80 families.



The second week of January Deborah volunteered to assist with several medical missions in Manila. I stayed behind in Bohol to conduct our first preacher's forum. This is the first time we were able to get all the preachers we work with together. It was a great time to reflect on God's word and discuss future plans for the work.



We continue to conduct Bible studies and door knocking and we thank God that two souls have been added to the Lord's Church so far this year. The middle of March will mark the end of our first year offering the free tutorial centers for children. This program has proven to be highly effective in reaching the community. Between the three sites we now have 46 Bibles studies ongoing with mothers of the students and many of their friends and family members have also begun studying. We plan to continue these three again in 2018 and possibly add a fourth location in Hilaan. The estimated cost per tutorial center is \$500 per year. If anyone would be willing to partner with us in this important work, please contact us.



In January we started a women's Bible class and a men's Bible class on Sunday nights and the participation has been great. Already many of our young men are leading songs on Wednesday and Sunday and every Wednesday we let one of the young men conduct the Bible study. It's always an encouragement to see God at work in the members.



Our big undertaking this year is a church planting in Tubigon, Bohol. There are many denominations in Tubigon but the closest congregation of the Lord's

Church is over 1 hour away. We just arrived home Wednesday from several days of surveying. We found the people in Tubigon to be very friendly and open to Bible studies. The date we set for our Church planting is May 28 - June 1. After visiting Tubigon we found the prices for rent to be much higher than Tagbilaran City and Jagna. I am estimating the support of two preachers, a room for the preachers to live in and the rental of a meeting place on Sunday at \$700 per month. We will also need one-time donations for chairs and a motorcycle. The one-time support needed is \$1,500. We would greatly appreciate anyone willing to partner with us in this effort or anyone willing to help us raise the needed funds. No donations are too small and 100% of the funds will go directly to this work. We have 2 potential preachers already, but we still lack funds for their ongoing support. We plan to continue making trips back and forth for the next few months until the actual date of the campaign.



There is much work going on here in Bohol, Leyte and Southern Leyte. These are only highlights of some of our major works. We hope that you will consider partnering with us as we continue to spread the Gospel of Christ throughout the Philippines. Alone we can do little but together we can do the impossible. Our work is overseen by the elders of the Piedmont Road Church of Christ, 1630 Piedmont Road NE, Marietta, GA 30066.

Because of Christ,

Michael Stock



