

Greetings fellow team-members in the work of our Lord. How are you? We hope that you are in good health. We pray often for you and for your time there with your family. We're so thankful for God's constant care for all of us in the middle of this pandemic and that in spite of it, we can serve Jesus, our Master even all the more. Hope that you have a joyful time celebrating this coming Christmas and New Year. Fellow team-members, we are really looking forward to your return home here to Mindanao and are praying for this.

As for us here, we are so thankful to God for answering our prayers for houses for us and for a church building. The Lord is so good and so faithful to give us all that we need! Both of our team families are getting on well, the Lord is in the midst of our team and is giving us love and unity and above all, He is partnering with us in this work.

We are so thankful to the Lord for the growth of our ministry here and for the many doors He is opening for the preaching of His Word. Fellow team-members, we want to share with you about the work of the Lord which He has entrusted to us and as you read this and see it, we hope it brings you joy and encouragement!

Mondays are the day that we have set aside to clean our houses and to work in our gardens. But we often use some of our time on Mondays to go do visitation as well as on other days. Anything that God asks us to do on any day of the week, we do it with joy and with open and willing hearts.



Tuesday mornings are study mornings and we spend our time reflecting on God's Word (although every day we spend time in the Word.)

Then on Tuesday afternoons we have scheduled Bible studies.



This is Inay Herminia Gundo with her three grandchildren. She is a widow and these grandchildren live with her. 3:00 pm on a Tuesday afternoon is the schedule for their Bible Study and they are up to Episode 23.

Dandan (note from Paul and Deb: Dandan is one of the two men on the missionary team) and Rany teach this Bible study in Higaonon using the He Wants You Series.

Below is a picture of our neighbours who I (note from Paul and Deb: Jovanie, the other man on the missionary team is the one writing this report referring to himself as "I") teach here at the house at 4 pm on a Tuesday afternoon.



There are three men and three women including one married couple.

The other four are married but their spouses don't come to the Bible Study. Maybe in the days to come, their spouses will also have a desire to hear the Word of God and will join our study.

I teach them using the Cebuano videos of the He Wants You series and they are now up to Episode 4.



This is PJ and Juvy Malima with Juvy's niece Evamae who lives with them. Their schedule for their weekly Bible study is 6:00 pm every Tuesday. They are from Lingating which is also part of Baungon and is about 30 minutes of travel away from us here in Kalanganan. Usually they want to listen to two episodes at a time and sometimes even three because usually they stay overnight with some of Juvy's family here. (Juvy is wearing the orange jacket in the picture.) Their souls are really hungry for salvation! I'm using the Cebuano videos as well to teach them and they are up Episode 17.

On Wednesdays at 6:00 am, Dandan and Rany teach a Bible Study in San Vicente at Dandan's half-brother's place. The man wearing the green shirt in the picture below is the half-brother and the lady wearing the striped shirt and holding the child is his wife. The other people in the picture are their neighbours who also wanted to be taught the Word. This group have all trusted Jesus and have listened to all the episodes in the He Wants You series and they are also now coming to church.





This is the Gundo family who have recently finished the Salvation series and who are now attending church each Sunday.

We are so thankful to the Lord for the genuineness of their hearts as they listen to God's Word and for the way they accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour and have received the salvation which God freely gives!

We used the Cebuano He Wants You Series to teach them as the wife, Nanay Luz, is from Bohol so she speaks Cebuano. Only her

husband is Higaonon. We have a Bible Study with them on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm.



This is the Palta Family, who I teach at 4:00 pm on Wednesday afternoons. They are up to Episode 26 in the He Wants You Series. This is Amay Erning (in the white hat) and Inay Delia (in the black jacket beside him) and the lady beside him in the pink striped shirt is their daughter, and the other young people there are their grandchildren.

Wednesday evenings are our team meeting nights and us two missionary families have dinner together and give a report to each other about the week's work that God entrusted to us. We help each other plan ways to enrich and strengthen our ministries and each of us shares anything on our hearts. We don't have a picture of our team meetings to show you.



Thursdays at 4:00 pm, I teach this family (picture above) in Purok 3. This is the Gundo family and I am using the video series to teach them and they're up to Episode 6.



At the same time, 4:00 pm as well on Thursday, Dandan is here teaching the Liwanag family. They have finished the He Wants You series and are now studying the book of Acts and are up to chapter 6. They really love hearing the Word of God. One of their family, Grandfather Ben Liwanag, recently died but God graciously allowed him to finish listening to the whole He Wants You series and to receive salvation before He took him. The very next day after Grandfather Ben finished hearing Episode 27, at 9:00 pm on a Friday evening, God took him. He died of old age but we are sure that he has gone to heaven and that Jesus welcomed him into heaven with great joy! All glory and honour to God!



On Fridays, we have an outreach in Kalasuyan and also in Tamusan which is part of Libuna, Bukidnon. Dandan and I split up and I go to Kalasuyan daw Dandan goes ta Tamusan. We take our trainee Bible teachers with us, Rany goes with Dandan and I take Jeboy with me. These people in Kalasuyan are so eager to hear the Word of God and their souls are so hungry for Salvation! See this temporary meeting place in this picture? They were the ones who built this! We were so surprised when we arrived there and found that they had already prepared a place where we could gather together to praise God and to study His Word. This is evidence of how precious God's Word is to them. I was so thrilled and encouraged when I saw this and so glad to be teaching people who are so sincere in their desire to be taught. They are up to Episode 14. Pray for them that they will keep listening to the Word and that they will be saved and will grow in their relationship with our Lord Jesus!



These are our fellow-believers in Tamusan. This is Amay Sintoy Baclayun and his family and his brother, Tatay Salyano Baclayun. They are studying the book of Acts and are up to chapter 4. They have shown themselves to be faithful

followers of God by their fervour and obedience to His Word. They have led others to the Lord as well.



Also on Fridays at 4:00 pm, we do visitation and we have found this to be a really good time of getting to know our brothers and sisters in Christ and of being able to encourage them. It is really important that we give time to them and opportunity so that they can share their burdens and so that we can grow closer to one another and we can get to know them on a deeper level.



And at 5:00 pm on Fridays we have a Bible Study with the Eslao family and they are up to Episode 7.

They are listening well.

Please pray that they will be able to enter into a relationship with our Lord Jesus.



At 4:30 pm on Saturdays, we have a Bible Study here with the Laque family and they are up to Episode 20.

This family has really been used of God to invite quite a few of their relatives to come and hear about salvation as well and they have had much fruit. Please pray that they will continue to bear much fruit.



These are some of the ones they have persuaded to listen to God's Word, more of the Laque family who are being taught by DanDan. They are up to Episode 8. Most of the Laque Family who want to be taught God's Word are women.



On Sundays we have church at 9:00 am. This is the church here in Kalanganan (picture above) not including the people we are teaching each week in their homes. We're studying the book of Acts in church.

After church, we spend time training our two young disciples whose names are Rany Liwanag and Jeboy Habaru. They are both single men and have hearts to serve our God which we are so thankful for. We take them with us on ministry and they also help to emcee the service on Sundays. Rany is able to teach the Word on his own now.



At 1:00 pm on a Sunday, we have a Youth Fellowship for the young people here in Kalanganan (pictured above). Dandan leads the Youth Group.



At 1:30 pm on Sunday, our wives spend time with Merry Palta (on the right) training her in Women's Ministry. My wife (note from Paul and Deb: she is the one holding the baby) leads their training time. Merry is married and has one child, a son. She is really eager to serve the Lord and wants her life to count for Him. She started first by learning to lead the praise and worship and she helps with the song leading on Sundays, and now she is learning to teach the Women's Bible studies.

Pray that there will be more women who will join the women's ministry team.



This is the Adalid and the Tuzon families. We teach them at 3:00 pm on Sundays and they are up to Episode 19. Dandan and Rany lead this study and they are using the videos of the He Wants You series. The two women in the picture are twins, Irene Adalid is the one standing holding the baby, and her husband is on the left. And her twin Iresh Tuzon is wearing the black top and her husband is beside her holding their newborn baby. They are listening to the studies really well and we hope that they hold tightly onto God until His return.



These are members of the Abenyao and the Laque families and I teach them at 4:00 pm every Sunday. The lady wearing the blue is the sister-in-law of the lady in the pink.

So this is the work that the Lord is doing here in the Baungon region. Please pray for each of these dear brothers and sisters here that they will continue to grow in their relationship with God and that they will mature in their faith. They need encouragement and help through our prayers as we know that as we walk with God, we also go through many trials and testings of our faith. We as a team here continue in the ministry, we continue in love and unity according to the Lord's will, as without love and unity on the team, the work becomes ineffective. We are looking forward in 2022 to having many more people desiring to do Bible studies with us.

## **2 Corinthians 4:5**

**For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.**

Amen our brother and sister, we are just God's servants, Jesus is our true Master and everything we do, we are doing so that we can preach the message of Salvation here in Baungon, and also in the neighbouring villages and towns. Anything that our Master wants us to do, we will do it for His honour and His glory.

Our fellow team-members and our parents, we hope that you are encouraged and happy as you read this report we've written to you. We miss you and we are looking forward so much to you coming back. Merry Christmas daw Happy New Year brother and sister! We love you very much.

Love from the Baungon Missionaries.