

Andrew & Megan's Update

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For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes- As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

Our First Year

We can hardly believe that by October it will be a year that we have been living here in the Philippines! Something that has been one of the biggest challenges for us has simply been learning how to live in this completely new and foreign culture. Most of the time we feel like children, being told how to speak, how to act appropriately, and constantly corrected- which can be a big hit to our pride, or an opportunity to be humbled and see our complete and utter need to rely on God!

As we've been here, we have sensed an even deeper desire to continue in how the Lord has faithfully lead us thus far. To go and live among a remote people group. To learn from them about their language and culture to the point of becoming like them in their thinking. So that we may deliver the truth of God's Word to them in a clear and culturally appropriate way. Not to merely replace their language and culture with our own and give them the religious forms of worshipping God but doing the hard work of applying God's Word to their own unique cultural understanding of the world around them.

Our prayer, and confidence, is in the truth of the living word of God, that people will understand the broken relationship of man, the world, and all of creation, and see the way that God has provided for reconciliation by His grace alone through faith in the work of Christ on the cross- we thank you that this has been your prayer as well as you've supported us along this journey, and if this is something that has not come to be true in your life, that'd you'd be open to the words of Scripture yourself, and see God's heart for you to know Him.

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Prayer Requests:

- Diligence in culture and language study
- Healthy pregnancy
- Sensitivity to the Lord's leading as we consider tribal areas to work in

Praise:

- We had our first language review recently and are making good progress
- Thank God for the opportunity to go visit this tribal location in October
- A healthy pregnancy so far

Tribal Visits

Palawan

In July we had a great opportunity to visit some tribal locations on the island of Palawan. The first was an area looking for partners, as they are planning to expand into another region that speaks the same dialect. We are constantly faced with an abundance of needs on the field and so few workers here.

The second area we visited was an established church, which gave us good insight into what a growing tribal church looks like, and the roles of the missionaries there. It was great to hear the experiences of these missionaries and learn from them. These missionaries arrived here the same year Andrew graduated high school! (2000)



Northern Luzon

In October Andrew will be taking a trip to visit a tribal location that has no missionaries to see what this area is like and assess the needs of the people there. He is going with 2 other missionaries who are also in Tagalog language study right now and looking into possible future ministries. Please pray for wisdom and direction from the Lord as we continue to seek where He'd have us serve. Andrew will be taking airplane, bus, van, boat and doing a little hiking too!

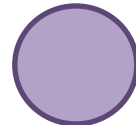
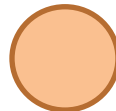
Family News

We are pregnant! Right before our trip to Palawan we found out that we have another little one on the way. We are due February 19th, and found out we're having a boy!

We are planning to have the baby here in Manila, and would appreciate your prayers as we trust God in this new place with our new little one.



On August 14th, Brenna had her first birthday! Brenna has been such a blessing to our family with her adventurous and go-getter personality! She started walking less than a week after her birthday, and has been busy chasing her brother around since. She loves going in the pool with her brother, walking around outside our apartment, and trying to climb anything and everything!



Kaden has continued to adjust to his new life here in the Philippines, and finds things he enjoys doing in this new place! We have found that he loves swimming, so the pool at our condo is somewhere you can find us almost every day. And it has been funny to see Kaden enjoy the different modes of transportation here- he has always loved sitting back in his car seat for a nice long trip, and here he's been able to experience travelling by jeepney, taxi, tricycle, boat and even by small plane since our trip to Palawan!

