

#### DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS & FAMILY,

**SEPTEMBER 2023** 

Could God ever ask too much of me?

When we went to Mindoro, specifically to look for land, we left the girls in Luzon (the main island) because we knew were going to be going through some intense jungle & rough terrain. After multiple days of treacherous travel & getting over 100+ niknik [neek'-neek: an insect from your worst nightmare] bites each, we found ourselves asking...

- "When do we say, 'no'?"
- "How much is too much?"
- "We've already moved half-way across the world, do we really have to go to these extremes?"

These are tough questions to navigate through. But we will say, at the end of our survey, we were crying together about His goodness & the resting in the peace only He can give.

The tribal pastors (pictured above, 2 front left with striped polos) we met were from Tribe Buhid [Booheed': known for living at the very top of mountains] & Tribe Tawbuid [Tahw'-boo-weed: mountain dwellers known for smoking tobacco even as children]. While traversing down the mountain, they swam through rivers deeper than they were tall & came into harms way (which we currently don't have the liberty to write about right now), just to make it to our meeting.

### PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Last Sunday, we had 14 on our bus route! It's a blessing to see our ministry grow!
- 2.Jen is now volunteering at a missions pregnancy center. She leads devotionals before performing prenatal checkups, & helping with ultrasound imaging & deliveries (pictured right). During the prenatal assessment of a Muslim woman, the patient received a phone call & was told her husband passed away on route to the hospital. Jen will still see her on a weekly basis at the clinic, so please pray as Jen continues to witness & council this newly-widowed, young mother.
- 3. Please pray for Tommy as he begins to teach classes at a Bible Institute, a ministry connected to our church.
- 4. We have been on the field for 1 year! Praise the Lord for His faithfulness! We plan on taking a short (3-4 month) furlough next summer before we move permanently to the island of Mindoro. We anticipate not being able to be away from our tribal ministry for awhile once there, so we are praying to be able to take the opportunity to personally update our supporting churches before then. Please let us know if you would like us to make a stop at your church as we are already working on our schedule!



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Tom, Jen, Lucy, Aleena, & Ellie Behman

# **MINDORO**

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The DAYS are LONG, but the YEARS are BRIEF. SO I WILL WORSHIP YOU.

With Each Borrowed Breath, Clark Family







