



**DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS & FAMILY,**

**January 2024**

*From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!*



Missionary work is not just about crossing geographical boundaries; it's about bridging hearts and connecting souls to Jesus.

Thank YOU for another year of your continued prayers & support. We are not so far removed that we do not understand your sacrificial giving. Although deputation was trying at times, we are grateful that it allowed us time to spend with you, getting to know you on a personal level & many of you even becoming dear friends. You help remind us of the gravity of our decisions & to be good stewards of what you cheerfully bestow to us. Looking back at 2023, we want to let you know that we are so grateful for you!

**Plans for 2024:**

- The girls will finish school at Faith Academy in May & will head back to the states (probably ahead of Tommy & Jen) to go to the Bill Rice Ranch with Parkview Baptist Church (our home & sending church).
- Tommy is not allowed to leave the country while will await approval of his Permanent Residency Visa (PRV).
- Once Tommy's PRV is approved, Tommy & Jen will join the girls back in the states for a 4-6 month furlough. We plan on spending Christmas with our families, as we don't know when the next time we will be able to do this is.
- When we go back to the Philippines, we will head straight to Mindoro to officially begin our ministry with the Katutubo of the Tribe Iraya!



**PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Please PLEASE pray as we continue to save for land to purchase for our future ministry with the Katutubo tribes. In the Philippines, people tend to squat on land & those who purchase the land are responsible for financially "re-homing" them out of the property. Also, because much of Occidental Mindoro is still very raw & tribal, there are times when multiple people have "claims" to land that is wanting to be purchased legally. Please pray as there are many moving parts to purchasing "clean-titled" land here.
2. There are currently ZERO foreign missionaries living in Occidental Mindoro. We hope to share the reasons with you in-person during our furlough. Pray that the Lord will allow us to be the first!
3. Praise the Lord that our BIMI partners Chris & Ivy Hurst are now back from their furlough. We are excited to get the church handed back to them. We are also thankful for the time God allowed Tommy to lead the church the past few months.
4. Praise the Lord here have been multiple salvation testimonies recently, some of which was during our church's academy Christmas Cantata. Many of the students' family members raised their hands after Tommy's gospel message & invitation. Please pray for their ongoing discipleship.



**THE NUMBERS**

MINDORO  
BUILDING  
PROJECT

11 PERCENTAGE OF GOAL

**In His Service,**

*Tom, Jen, Lucy, Aleena, Ellie*



Tom, Jen, Lucy, Aleena, & Ellie Behman

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