

HIMAMAYLAN

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“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” - James 5:16



MONDAY ~ DAVE & JEN ...

We are so blessed to know we have a family that prays for us. We thought it might be nice to share what the Lord is doing here in Himamaylan, so you know how to pray for the work God is doing here...

Monday is our Sabbath, our day of rest as it were. We do our best to set aside the day just to spend time together. There is not very much to do as far as entertainment here in Himamaylan, but we do have our favorite restaurant just one town to the south of us that we frequent on our days off. Mostly though we just hang out together at the house and enjoy the time with each other.

We would ask that you pray for wisdom for us as we seek to follow the Lord in leading, teaching, and caring for his people here. Also please keep praying for a baby. Both of us would love to start a family, but as of yet the Lord has not blessed us with a little Hinchey.

TUESDAY ~ DISCIPLESHIP...

For a little over a year now we have been going through a discipleship course with a couple of the men from the church. The purpose was to give them a chance to learn about ministry, learn how to study and teach the Bible, and serve others. I remember sharing with them in the beginning that it was not so much about the teaching, but more about the opportunity to step out in faith and see what the Lord might want to do in their lives. A few weeks ago we finished the course and it has been a blessing to see the guys grow in the Lord, step out in faith, and step up to fill key roles within the church.

With the first “class” finished and the guys plugged into the fellowship we have been praying about getting a second round of discipleship going. We have five guys this time we are going to ask to go through the year long course. They range in age from 18-65! They have already been serving within the church, hosting home fellowships, helping out whenever there is a need. I am really excited to see what God will do with the new “batch” of guys as each of them lives in a different part of the mountain. Who is to say... perhaps one day there will be multiple churches in the Bukid (*mountain*) ministering in the different communities! Please be praying for these men as they step out in faith to serve Jesus.

WEDNESDAY ~ LUMANGOG...

We continue to make the trek every Wednesday evening down the often VERY slick and muddy road to Lumangog. The relative difficulty for most of the people in the Bukid to get around makes it necessary to have multiple “mid-week” Bible studies. People’s access to church is essentially limited to how far they can, or are willing, to walk. Of all the “mid-week” studies, Lumangog has quickly become one of my favorites. The kids always run



out to greet us as we come trouncing down the road, and the people always come hungry and eager to study and learn God’s Word! Please pray God continues to stir up their hearts to know Him more.

THURSDAY ~ CALASA...

Calasa is the closest of all the communities in the Bukid to the city. The “mid-week” study there is one of the first Bible studies we began over 1 1/2 years ago. We have already gone through the Book of Genesis and are now about 1/4 of the way through the Book of Exodus .

For each Bible study we teach there is a family who is willing to open up their home for us to come share the Word. In Calasa the family is Atong & Lily Miguel, in Lumangog the family is Tiyoy Seo & Tiyay Flor Abunda, in San Antonio the family is Amado & Gemma Soledad, for the Men's Ministry the family is Edwin & Jessica Miguel, for the women's ministry the family is Jose & Vivian Acub, and for Sunday morning service the family is Tony & Lourdes Miguel. Please be praying for these families as they all have stepped out in faith to learn more about Jesus - and opened their homes so others can come and learn as well!

FRIDAY ~ RADIO STATION...

Things are getting exciting with the radio station. We have gotten some great feedback since we began to air Pastor Chuck and the "Word for Today" about a month ago. Then a few weeks back we began to air the teachings from Simbahan sa Bukid which are taught both in English and in Illongo (you can also hear the chickens from the barn in the background). In the next week or so we plan to begin airing Pastor Clark Van Wick and "Grace for Today".



Romans 10:17 - "Faith come by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." The vision of radio station is to use the unprecedented medium of radio to broadcast solid Bible teaching in the countless homes of the community so the people might be able to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ - **II Peter 3:18**. There is a famine in the land. "...not a famine of bread or water but of hearing the words of the LORD." - **Amos 8:11**. Whether it is inability because of distance, transportation, or sickness - countless people do not believe in Jesus or even know about the incredible life saving Good News of the Gospel. "My people perish for the lack of knowledge." - **Hosea 4:6**. Using the medium of radio... "We tell everyone about Christ. We warn them and teach them with all the wisdom God has given us, for we want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ." - **Colossians 1:28**. We ask that you pray with us as we seek to take part in the Great commission of Jesus to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations..." - **Matthew 28:19** Please also pray for all the legal red tape we are slowly, VERY slowly, working our way through to acquire a permanent license to broadcast.



SATURDAY ~ SAN ANTONIO...

Every Saturday we make the trip up to San Antonio, the farthest community up the mountain we minister in. The Lord has given us favor with the local High School principal teacher who lets us use the school to hold a Bible Study. The ministry there is more evangelistic. We play basketball, teach Arnis (Filipino marshal art), then once every one has gathered we teach the Bible Study.

We also teach a "values education" class at San Antonio High School on Tuesdays. We have unpredicted access to be able to openly preach the Gospel, even giving invitations to accept Jesus, right in a public school classroom! Please be praying for the youth of the school to receive Jesus and grow in Him through the teaching of His Word. Also pray for those who attend the Bible Study on Saturday ~ that they would become a light to everyone there on the mountain!

SUNDAY ~ CHRUCH...

The main Bible study each week is our Sunday morning service at the Barn. The Lord has blessed us with a faithful group of saints who love to come out and hear about Jesus. The "Simbahan jeep" makes the run to all the various communities where we minister and drops off all the people for a time of worship and the Word.

Sunday nights we teach a Men and Women's Bible study in the community of Lagtipon (in-between Calasa and San Antonio). There are a number of young men who come, and Jen has a faithful group of ladies, who we are teaching through the book of Romans.

Please pray with us for boldness for those who face persecution for coming to a "non-Catholic" church. Pray for all the many kids who show up on a Sunday. Also please lift up the young men and women who attend the studies in the evening. We thank you all so much for your prayers. We serve and amazing Lord!



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