



THE HURST FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THE

Philippines

2026 Q1 Update Letter - January - March

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; ... Proverbs 3:5

Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

2026 has been an exciting and fruitful year with numerous opportunities to preach and share the Word of God. We praise the Lord, for the privilege of serving here in the Philippines, and we thank you for your prayers and partnership. What a blessing to see many individuals trust in the Lord for salvation, and to see believers trust Him day by day, faithfully serving and sacrificially surrendering.

Medical Mission... We appreciate Dr. Caturan and his team, who travel each year to the Philippines, conducting numerous medical missions for the poor and needy. This year they came to help us conduct a one day medical mission in an area where we were preparing to begin a new church plant. In addition to their team we had about 40 of our church people volunteer to assist and counsel.

There were 187 patients seen and everyone was shared the Gospel before seeing the Doctor or Dentist, (top picture). Some were shared in small groups and others, one on one. We praise the Lord for more than seventy who made professions of faith in Christ. We have been able to follow up with many of them, and several are now involved in Bible studies and attending our new church plant.

Baptisms... It is always a blessing to see individuals take the next step after salvation, publicly professing their faith in Christ and following the Lord in baptism. Shown are four of the five individuals recently baptized. Please pray for their spiritual growth and discipleship.

BIMI Field Conference... In the middle of all of our busyness and activities we took a five day trip to Iloilo for the field conference of our mission board. It was a great time of rest and relaxation, but also a time of learning and growing. Chris had the privilege of preaching in the Sunday evening service of Iloilo Baptist Church. We felt honored and greatly humbled to spend time with, and listen to two veteran missionaries couples that have been on the field for over forty years, and four couples that have been serving over thirty years. What a privilege to learn from their words of wisdom and their humble spirit.



MetroView Baptist Academy graduation...

Graduation is always an exciting time as the school year comes to an end. This year we had 85 students, with 15 Kinder graduates and seven Sixth grade graduates. The Gospel was given in each ceremony with several adults praying to receive Christ as Saviour. Praise the Lord for the families that have been saved over the past ten years, through the school, and are now a part of the church.



MVBC Ext. Ministry first service... On March 22, 2026, we held our first service in our extension church. (Sorry for the poor quality picture at the bottom.)



It is an area we have actually been praying for, and trying to reach, for many years, to begin a new work. It is about 35 minutes from MVBC, on the border of a town called Teresa. It is an area that we have been conducting soul-winning, Bible clubs and Bible studies. There were 28 new individuals in our first service, and 34 for the second week. Please pray for spiritual growth, continued follow up, discipleship, and soul winning. We are very thankful for the many ladies attending, but please pray for more men.



Pray for Jhun Gammad, the national helping with this new church plant. Pray for him to finish his Bible Institute training, and to step up and fully lead this new congregation.

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Prayer Requests...

- More fruit that remains
- Spiritual growth & a Servant Spirit in our people
- Pray for our new extension work; spiritual growth and continued soul-winning. Pray for Jhun.
- Pray for additional teachers/staff for our school
- Pray for our container of John & Romans



Thank you for praying for our family and the Lord's work here in the Philippines, as we trust Him to bring forth the increase. We are very grateful for each of you!



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