

THE VEST FAMILY

Your Missionaries to the PHILIPPINES

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Dear Praying Friends and Faithful Supporters,

"Pastor! Pastor!" I heard as I walked down the dirt street on a recent Saturday morning. A young, junior-aged boy shouted to me that his *lolo* (grandfather) was sick, and he wanted me to come and pray for him. Upon entering his little house, I found an old man lying on a bed in a coma, having suffered a stroke the night before. All of his grown children were gathered around, many in tears. I prayed for his recovery and was very concerned because he was not saved. I explained this to the family, and after witnessing to them, all five adult children and six others received Christ as their Saviour. After a weeklong hospital stay, Noel miraculously recovered, and last week my assistant pastor led him to the Lord. Twelve people were saved because a young boy asked his missionary pastor to pray for his grandfather. Thank God for answering prayer and for the faith of the children.

There are literally tens of thousands of children within a few miles of our church. We try to bring as many as we can each Sunday to church on jeepneys. Our church has a jeepney that is now five years old and needs to be replaced. It will cost us at least \$10,000 to get a new one. Would you please pray about this need with us? The children are depending on us.

In March we will be having our academy and college graduations. This will be followed by Daily Vacation Bible School in April and Youth Camp in May. During the months of May and June, our family will be in the States for a visit with family and a couple of meetings. Please pray for our safety as we travel and the ministry here as we are away.

Our 3rd Asian Baptist Conference on World Evangelism was a great success. Many pastors committed to increase their church missions programs, and during the week, four of our own students surrendered to the mission field. We must now get them trained and ready to reach Asia for Christ.

We would like to increase the enrollment in the college and academy this next school year, but it will cost us about \$30 per month for each new student. Please pray that God will provide for these needy students. We are putting everything we can into the training of these young Filipinos in spite of the fact that we have seen our personal support decrease \$1,200 per month since we first arrived here in 2002. Thank God for His care of us and for your faithfulness to uplift us in prayer and support us financially. Together we are making a difference in the Philippines.

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"...I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." (Acts 13:47)