



The Martin Family

Ricky, Brandie, & T.J.

Your missionaries in

Iloilo City, Philippines

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Dear Praying Friends,

Last Sunday night the church hosted its fourth Government Officials' Appreciation Night and honored some of the rescue teams who helped save dozens of families during the floods after Typhoon Frank, as well as the City Social Welfare Development Office for their work with the homeless after the flood. Many of these social workers and rescuers were led to Christ that evening.

Beginning last October 12 and continuing through the month of November, our church featured its different outreach ministries on Sunday mornings. These included ministries for street children, lepers, slow learners, and public schools. Our slow learners sang, "My God is so BIG! so strong and so mighty; There's NOTHING my God cannot do!" Hearing the salvation testimony of a man who has leprosy was a real blessing as well.

In the next few days, the college and church will be preparing for the yearly "Help the Needy" program. Our staff, students, and church members give sacrificially to help especially needy people here in our city with groceries and other gifts. We are also excited about our upcoming Christmas musical presented by our church choir and orchestra. That always draws scores of visitors to our church.

Clark and Rachel Graham and their two children moved to Manila this week to start a church. The Grahams worked with us here at IBC for over two years. Please pray for them as they begin their new ministry. For more information about the Graham Family, visit www.grahamsinthephilippines.org.

Bob, an American friend of mine who is a Vietnam War veteran, had a heart attack today in his hospital room. I visited him this afternoon in ICU. He is saved. Please pray for him and his family. They live here in Iloilo.

Our family is doing well. Brandie has had her hands full with T.J. as he has learned to walk recently. My parents are happy being doting grandparents. Thank you to those who have sent birthday cards for T.J. and me these last few weeks. We appreciate your kindness! May God bless you this Christmas and in the New Year to come.

In Christ,

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