



May—July 2025

Thank you for faithfully praying for our family. Life has been full of many changes since Matthias' return to Canada. Some of these changes were expected and some were not!

Matthias is living in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan training under the leadership of Pastor David Webster. After arriving in Vancouver from the Philippines, he visited Micah in Winkler, Manitoba and the the Janzen family in Victoria, BC. During the time he was actually staying in Vancouver, he went to our home church, Victory Baptist Church, and also helped with some outreach ministries of Anchor Baptist Church. He had opportunities to give an update on the ministry here as well as presenting what God has called him to do once he finishes his training in Canada. One church has already begun to send him financial support. This is an answer to prayer as he needs these finances currently and will need them to continue into the future as he returns to the Philippines as a missionary to San Manuel, Tarlac. He has two part-time jobs along with working full time in the ministry in Prince Albert. The people in Prince Albert Baptist Church have been very good to Matthias, and God is using them to provide for his needs--sometimes with a chicken from their farm, a dozen eggs, or a meal. God is taking care of him!

Life has had some major adjustments since Matthias left, as well as some changes we could have never foreseen! Being split between our two ministries is quite exhausting. As it stands now, we spend 11 days in our San Manuel ministry and 17 days in Sagada. We need help in both ministries! For now, the most urgent place we need help is in San Manuel. We are praying for a family to help us full-time in the ministry there. The people we are reaching in San Manuel need

someone there full-time. When Matthias returns, the ministry will be his, and he will need many labourers to work with him, but for now, we will keep serving the Lord in San Manuel. About 25 children and young people come to our house every evening for a meal and for the love of Jesus. It's an exhausting ministry but worth every drop of sweat and every ounce of effort. Jesus is the only hope for people's lives!

The reason for such a short amount of time being spent in San Manuel is that the church in Sagada needs to be strengthened. Brother Godfrey and the Nasgatan family were incredibly faithful during our expectedly long furlough and are now during the long periods of time we have been away since our returned to the Philippines. The church is still alive, but is having trouble thriving. We are now in Sagada for to three Sundays a month and in Tarlac for one Sunday a month. God has given the folks of Central Sagada Baptist Church a burden for the ministry in San Manuel. Godfrey has helped us in San Manuel on several occasions between the weekends. The daughters of the Nasgatan family helped with the VBS there in May with the oldest daughter, Micah, being the teacher for VBS. Another one of our church ladies has spent two weeks with us in San Manuel and has a huge burden for the people there. God has



Jun, Jacob, Donnie & Gaygay in Sagada



placed this ministry in the hearts of the folks of CSBC. This week, Godfrey's family is spending a couple of days there. This will be the first time that his parents and his younger brother, Jacob, see the ministry there.

God is at work in Sagada! Our three-year absence was actually needed. When we returned, people of the town, not just the church, were very surprised and happy we returned. Many missionaries have come and gone from

Sagada. The fact that we came back is opening many doors into people's lives. The door of our house is always open, and we have people in our home every day. Cups of coffee served, meals shared, cups of cold water...people are seeing Jesus' love.

Each Monday, Shirley and Emmy continue the ministry Matthias began with our teenagers--gathering for lunch during their break from school. Providing lunch and love is what Jesus did, and that's what people still need! As we share lunch, we share life. The young people look forward to it each week.

Friday night is youth night. Again, we eat! We play games and spend time talking about the Lord. One of our favourite games is called GAMES. This acronym stands for Gratitude, Adoration, Memories, Experiences, and Scripture or Songs. Each person takes turns rolling a single die, each number corresponding with a letter in that order. Number 6 is charades! If "songs" comes up the young person chooses a visual from one of our Sunday school songs and we sing it together.

God has used this game to make us closer to one another and for the young people to learn more about Him.

Sunday attendance is growing. Young people who went away while we were gone are returning. Our Sunday school is unique! The ages of the students are two to 18 years old! This defies everything Sandra learned when she studied education, but it works! It is absolutely amazing to see God alone using this time. In the adult service, we have seen young couples and an older unsaved man begin to attend regularly. People are hearing the gospel and broken relationships are being healed. God is doing a great work in the heart of Brother Godfrey's father, Jacob. Each Sunday we can see his heart softening. Please pray for him to get saved very soon!



Realin in San Manuel

God has used the ministry in San Manuel to do something very special in our lives. On July 1st, He sent Nica to us. She is just one month older than Emmy--15 years old. She has wandered from place to place fleeing from her drunkard, abusive father. Her mother does the same. When God brought her into our lives, she was living in a bamboo hut with no proper walls and a leaky roof. Her mother had assigned a 16-year-old family friend, J.M., to be her "guardian". The evening we met Nica, Emmy escorted some of the children in San Manuel home and saw where Nica lived. She immediately told Sandra and said, "Mom we have to do something about this!" Emmy took Jun to see the place. That night J.M. and Nica slept at our house. It's rainy season here, and they were getting wet every night. A neighbour had allowed J.M. and Nica to stay there, knowing they needed a place to live. The first morning they were with us, Jun went to the place to see if we could make it a better place for them to live. The owner agreed that if we purchased the materials, they would enclose the open structure. It was not finished by that night, but J.M. did not care to stay with us again. However, Nica never wants to go back there. We praise the Lord she was with us that second night because she got a fever and had a terrible night. Shirley and Emmy along with Sandra's help, nursed her through the night, and her fever was



Youth of Central Sagada Baptist Church

gone by morning.

The Lord is allowing us to work with the Department of Social Welfare and Development to help Nica. We were quite abruptly thrown into the thick of things when a week after Nica's initial fever, after we had taken her to Sagada with us, she had a fever again. It turned out that she had typhoid which needs to be treated by IV antibiotics. The hospital recommended that we appeal to the DSWD for help with her bill. God assigned us a Christian social worker who has been beyond helpful to Nica and to us as her foster family. She even asked Sandra to pray with

Nica and the two social workers before they closed their first meeting! God is at work! Please pray for Nica. She wants badly to see her mother again, but she is not answering Nica's attempts to contact her. Nica is very sad about this. Please pray that as we work with the DSWD, that Nica will see that whatever comes of their decisions for her, God is the One taking care of her. We rejoice that Nica accepted Jesus as her Saviour within just the first few days of being with our family! God is

amazing!

The night before Nica was hospitalized, Jun was taken to the hospital. He had severe pain in the lower left side of his abdomen radiating to his back. The pain was so severe that he could not walk. His temperature was going up over 102 F. Because the best hospital in Mountain Province is an hour and a half to two hours away on some very bad roads, one of the men in our church took him and stayed there with him. Jun was discharged six days later, but not with very good news. The results of the CT scan show a blood clot in the area where his pain was, and the doctors are concerned it may travel to his heart. He will be seeing a peripheral vascular cardiologist in Angeles City as there are none of

these specialists in Mountain Province. His appointment is Friday, July 25. Thank you in advance for praying for him.

Micah is continuing to serve the Lord at Pembina Valley Baptist Church and Canadian Baptist Bible College. We are thankful for the opportunities he has to serve the Lord there including teaching a Master Clubs class, singing in the choir, serving in special music, helping with Union Gospel Mission services and ministering in a few nursing home and hospital ministries. How we praise God that our children love Him and desire to serve Him with all of their hearts!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for giving sacrificially of yourselves in prayer and finances. None of these things are taken for granted, and we thank God for you. Lives are being redeemed and transformed by our amazing God!

In Christ,
The Malazo family



Our girls walking home from church



Emmy & Shirley with their cousin, Khael



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