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Dear friends,

This prayer letter is an update on the RADIO MINISTRY.

Bro. Gene Sharp, who has started all 12 radio stations here in the Philippines, is planning to come in the next few months to set up some more stations.

Lord willing, he will set up the station in Quezon City which is a part of metro Manila. The tower has been installed on top of the Laloma Baptist Church's 6-storey building. Their broadcast studio is ready for the equipment to be installed. This amazing church is pastored by Ramil Olalia and has sent missionaries to many countries around the world.

Tower - Quezon City



General Santos City

Lord willing, he will also be putting a station in General Santos City on this trip. This city is the home of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church where Missionary Doug Sisson is located. This church, like the one in

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Quezon City, is an amazing church. It is seeing a real revival and has the personnel to operate the station. Bro. Sisson is a close friend, and I have learned a lot from him. Bro. Sharp is planning to put up this station on his trip here. There are plenty of other cities that Bro. Sharp could go to if he has the opportunity. Below is the tower in General Santos.



Bible Baptist Church in Mandaue City, Cebu is ready to start. The pastor of this church is Rogelio Baladjay. His father was the pastor who started this church in the 1960's. His father also helped Missionary Bob Hughes operate his Bible College in the 1970's.

Their Broadcast studio and tower are ready.



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They also have a recording studio where they can record music and messages.



Their tower:



Bro. Sharp and his family have sacrificed much in finding ways to help the stations he has built around the world. When he built his first station outside the United States he went to New Guinea and built his own house in the jungle. He stayed there with his wife for one year until the station was finished. There are a lot of projects Bro. Sharp could work on if he had the finances. We have a generous donor that will match any funds that Bro. Sharp receives for the radio ministry here. We have 10 applications for cities to start stations. If you are interested in Bro. Sharp's ministry and want to help start a radio station, and want to send a gift, that gift will be doubled.

His address is:

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Lastly, I wanted to share a story about the radio ministry here in Iloilo City. About 5 years ago, one of our broadcasters, Pastor Jack Tupaz, was doing a program called "THE MORNING LIGHT." A lady contacted Bro. Jack during the program and shared her burden for her family to get saved.

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It was during covid and Bro. Jack couldn't visit her, but he asked her to bring her relatives to the Christmas musical. They came, and when Jack preached, he went through the plan of salvation and some of the family members raised their hands to receive Christ as Savior. We use personal workers but that year it was very hard to do that during the service because of covid rules.

About three weeks later, Jan. 9th, Bro. Jack was finally able to go to their house and made sure they all understood about salvation and spoke to them about their assurance of salvation. The family of eight received the Lord that day and have been faithful to the services for the past 5 years. One of the daughters, April Esparagoza, (pictured below) became very involved in several outreach ministries including the Saturday classes for the poor kids in the neighborhoods, the youth ministry and others. She started learning violin and in less than 2 years she became a member of the orchestra. This past October she was diagnosed with Leukemia and died this past December. Her funeral was on Jan. 9 exactly 5 years after she got saved. She was 18 years old. Her death has affected our church and our young people in a good way, as she had a wonderful attitude. Of course, the radio ministry was the tool God used to bring her to Christ. I am so thankful for the radio ministry because of the lives that are changed just like April's.



In closing Becky and I want to thank you all again for being a part of this ministry. We are so grateful for your interest, your prayers and the finances you have given.

God bless,

Rick and Becky Martin