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The Griffiths' September 2026 Update

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Hello friends & family,
Here is a little update about some of the things that we have
been up to.

Scholars' Hugyaw Worship Night



*Click on the photo to see a video that was made by the City
Scholarship Office about the event.*

Last July, under our local organization, Katartismos International, we partnered with the Cagayan de Oro City Education Office's Scholarship Program to host our third annual Hugyaw Worship Night for the city scholars. We were blessed to be able to have the help of Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) this year, who had a booth where people could come to ask about Jesus. They also helped us pray over those who asked for it during our ministry time. Amazingly, CRU has also volunteered to follow up with the students who wish to know more about Jesus and be discipled (We don't have enough volunteers to take on the task).

More than 300 students attended this year from many different socio-economic and religious backgrounds. After sharing the gospel message, many received Jesus as their Lord and Savior or renewed their faith in Him. We also prayed over many struggling students who asked for prayer, many of whom had been abused, neglected, had depression, or had suicidal ideation.

One student shared with us that during the worship there was a conviction in her heart to forgive someone who offended her, so she approached that person, who was seated a few rows from her, and asked if she could pray for her. They both ended up crying and praying for each other, both experiencing God's healing power. It was amazing for us to be able to provide the space for the Holy Spirit to work. So many of these young people were hungry for Jesus. Please pray that this evangelistic outreach will yield the fruit of young people committed to follow Jesus, be discipled, and be His witnesses.



Last month's visit to Empower Kids Mambatangan

Empower Kids, Mambatangan

Last month, we went up the mountain to visit our ministry partners, Axel and Margie Casilac, and their kids. We are excited that they stepped up to take over the ministry after the previous volunteers stepped down to focus on ministering at a nearby church. The Casilacs originally started the Empower Kids ministry in Mambatangan before the pandemic, after serving alongside us in the kids ministry next to our house for 2 years. When the pandemic hit and they were not allowed to meet, Axel was simultaneously asked to help serve as a pastor and to train up a music team for Sunday worship. He has since done that and is excited to get back to leading the kids ministry while still serving at the church in a less demanding role. They are serving 30 to 50 kids on a weekly basis, and Axel's daughter, who used to attend Empower Kids, Axel's

younger sister, who lives with them in Mambatangan, and other Empower Kids graduates are now helping to lead the ministry alongside Axel and Margie. Please pray that we can get more consistent and mature Believers to volunteer to teach and lead the kids' ministries.

Makasandig Fellowship



Some of the members of our weekly Bible study in our backyard.

For about 2 years now, we have been doing a Bible study through the Gospel According to John (AKA the Book of John). We are now in chapter 14. What started with two families has now grown to 17 adults and their children (Not everyone is pictured above). Some are youth from our ministry next door, while others were unbelievers, unchurched, or nominal Christians, some of whom have never read, let alone studied, the Bible. Our little fellowship continues to grow in size and depth as we grow together in community and in the knowledge of who Jesus is and how to walk with Him. Please pray that those who are joining will continue to either invite others to join or, better yet, begin to disciple others or start their own groups.

Recovery Ministries



The moment when many of the young men made the decision to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Every week, I, Gordon, lead Bible studies at two different addiction recovery facilities near our home. Since the programs are only 6 months long, with people rotating in at various times, I focus my teaching on the gospel and the basics of Christianity, using the material I wrote, The Grace Package, starting over again once I finish.

After the first lesson of the Grace Package, about the Good News of Jesus and the Gift of Eternal Life, I invite people to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. In the picture above, many of the

young men can be seen making the decision to receive Jesus as Lord of their lives and begin their relationship with Him.

Over the past two years, I have not been able to meet up with many of them after they finished their program, but I have kept up with some of them on Facebook. It is encouraging to see that some have joined or returned to a church where they are being disciplined. Others have reached out to me and want to help me lead the Bible studies with me. Please pray that they will follow through on that, so that I can have help with group discussions. Also, pray that others who graduate from the programs will have the desire to be disciplined, whether by me or others from different churches where they are from. And finally, pray that more mature leaders will step up help me with this ministry.

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