

Dear Brother/ Sister

Again let me thank you very much for your very generous and constant prayer support enabling me to work in the Philippines. I speak not only for myself but on behalf of the many people living in that garbage area (no hoppers), children, teenagers, fathers, mothers, aged grandparents all doing their best to survive in a hostile, vile and dirty environment.

God has answered your prayers and to His Glory a church has been established, albeit very poor. Souls have been saved, children, teenagers, adults and senior citizens. As you know there is a pre- school up and running and, if we can meet the government requirements, we hope to start a primary school. It's truly amazing that all the parents with a R.C. background have been requesting a Christian school to be opened. Please pray for this.

Pray for Jmcy, this girl is the first fruits, volunteering for Bible College and I have waited six years for this. She needs your prayers. This is the Lord's doing, it's marvellous in our eyes. My soul was stirred upon reading Oswald J Smith's book on missionaries who volunteered and pioneered in the early days of mission work. They are very much needed in this day and age, anywhere, everywhere. Preach the Gospel to every creature, so said our Lord Jesus.

The scriptures tell us of the story when Jesus was carried by the donkey. It took the burden and carried Jesus to the people, Amen. Donkeys will do. The Lord can use any one of us.

At present we have an outreach Sunday school and children's meeting and it is there we hope to start another work. Paul could say, an effectual door is opened unto me but there are many adversaries. It is still the same today and as the Hymn writer puts it, with a conquering tread we will, push ahead, He will roll the sea away.

Upon coming home a decision was made to close SEARCH which means not being part of the government Gift Aid scheme. In doing so we lose approximately £3,500; however God is not dead, still very much alive, still able to fulfil His promises, still able to meet the need. It a great need but we step out in faith as before depending on the Lord.

There is going to be a great crowd in Heaven who will rise up to bless you for your prayers, sacrificial giving and encouragement which initially enabled us to present the Gospel to the people and give them a building in which to worship. Praise the Lord.

With regards to the future, after talking to Marie, I would look at retiring at the age of 70+. I am asking you, if at all possible, to continue supporting me in the work both prayerfully and financially. I do understand the difficult economic crisis the country is in and I am most grateful for your continued support.

Forward forever, backward never.

Uncle Noel