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SHEPHERD'S CALL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Praying Friends,

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We hope your New Year is off to a great start. Just when we thought we were beginning to come out of winter we got pounded by quite a snowstorm. We were stuck at home for a few days as we had over a foot of snow. The kids were certainly excited to have so much snow to play in!

These past few months have seen their ups and downs. We shared in our last letter the excitement of all the opportunities we had to reach the community with the Gospel. I told how we met Leonor during the Phelan Phun Days. She seemed so excited to be at our church. After coming a few times, they got sick and for about a month when I contacted her, she said they would be coming back when everyone was better. Suddenly, I no longer got any response from her. It was as if they had disappeared. However, we recently saw her son and grandchildren at the park! Please pray as we hope to see them again. Shannon who began coming around last October also seems to have disappeared without a trace. It is so heartbreaking when we cannot help people.

About a year and a half ago, we had a young man start coming to church. He was invited by his friend Shawn. I believe I shared in the past that these two had a struggle with homosexuality and drugs. The young man was saved and baptized. Unfortunately, I had to tell Shawn he couldn't come anymore for several reasons and soon the young man followed him and stopped coming as well. A couple of weeks ago, I got a phone call from him telling me Shawn had passed away from a drug overdose. He had previously made the decision to stay away from Shawn a little while before he passed. The young man shared that he was getting away from drugs and had moved to a new sober living house where the manager of the house actually seems to do much better running a tight ship. He has expressed to me his desire to get back into church and follow Christ.

One of the first people to visit our church was Betty. Betty was elderly and had some physical issues that kept her from being in church much. She came a couple of times but faithfully supported the church financially. Her son Tony lived with her and also came to church a couple of times but previously did not show much desire to attend. Sadly, this past year, Betty passed away. The same week, Tony had wanted his mom to take him to the movies rather than to church. After his mother's death, Tony lost his usual joy and his family really noticed. Tony contacted me with a desire to start coming to church and has faithfully been coming every Sunday since. After the first week of his coming to church, Tony's family noticed his joy return. Through this we have been able to make contact with different members of Betty's family. We are specifically praying that Tony's sister's granddaughter Brittany will come to church. Charity had previously met her not even knowing the connection.

In January, we were blessed to have missionaries Michael and Moana Ward for one of our services. They were such a blessing!

We are looking forward to the coming celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. This year, I decided to do something a little different. We are planning to have my father-in-law fly out in April to present to the church a Passover Seder showing Jesus as the fulfillment of everything the Messiah was meant to be, the Perfect Passover Lamb! Please pray as we invite people for this special dinner that so perfectly points to our Savior.

As we know so many of you do, please continue in prayer for us. We are so grateful for your continued love and support. May God bless you, keep you and find you all faithful as you serve our Lord together with us.

In His Service,

Stephen, Charity, Judson (8), Samuel (7), Noah (5) and Valiana (3) Jenney