

July/August 2023

Dear Prayer partners,

I Peter 1:25 says, "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

Serving in the Philippines

THE SALYER FAMILY

In 2016, on our third survey trip to the Philippines, our sons, Jeremy and Nathaniel, and I gave Bibles and gospel tracts to two young pastors in Samar, Philippines. They both were so happy and asked us to please send more Bibles and gospel tracts because they are hard to get. I told them both that I would pray to the Lord to find the best way to ship Bibles to them. The Lord answered my prayer. Upon arriving at our home church and sharing our prayer request, a good friend, Brother Eric, discovered a Filipino shipping company here in the States. Because of the many Filipino citizens that live here in the United States, there is a great demand to ship goods back to the Philippines. They are called "Balik-bayan box," which literally means "returning to the country." What a gamechanger in our ministry in getting the Word of God to the people in the Philippines. Each box can hold up to two hundred pounds of Bibles and gospel tracts for the reasonable cost of \$110.00 each. The boxes go directly to the door of the national pastor from our print shop in Columbus, NC. We praise the Lord that He has enabled us to send over one hundred of these "Balik-bayan" boxes in the past six years. What a joy it is to see happy faces from those in the Philippines who received a copy of God's Word.

We thank the Lord for five new churches that partnered with us this summer of 2023. These churches are Baltimore Baptist in Maryland; Bright Light Baptist in Robbins, NC; Shining Light Baptist in Monroe, NC; Bible Baptist in Creedmoor, NC; and Fellowship Baptist in Madison, VA. We are praising the Lord for bringing us to 76% of promised support.

Thank you so much for your prayers for safety and for the health of our family. Please continue to pray for these requests and for the remaining 24% of the financial support needed. Please pray with us about attending language school next August 2024 and as we start saving for passage and moving expenses to the Philippines.

In our Lord's Service, Mike & Heather Salyer Jameson & Micah To the Philippines



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