

Steeles in Mission: Rev. Dr. Walter & Robyn Steele

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Serving the Lord in Mission to Asia.



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Newest News & Prayers

We have finally arrived in Baguio City, Republic of the Philippines. Thanks be to God!

Pray that all necessary requirements are met for our work and resident visas.

Thank the Lord that He has led us to a home for us to rent in Baguio City.

Give thanks to God, who has preserved us safe throughout our travels to our new home in The Philippines.

Pray for peace in the world, so that faithful churches can be planted and the Word of the Lord will grow.



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We Have Arrived in Baguio



Overlooking Baguio City, The Philippines

“It’s been a long time, getting from there to here.” Yes, it has. We departed Kenya in late April and arrived in the USA the first week of May. This gave us the chance to take care of some medical needs and for Walter to attend a seminary class reunion. We also met with the Robert and Kay Rothemeyer at the Fort Wayne seminary library to learn about the needs at the Baguio Seminary library.

Walter had meetings at the LCMS International Center, while Robyn spent needed time with her mother in New Mexico. Then we traveled to the Dallas area to see our son and his family. Finally we attended a required “transition” retreat in Joplin MO, which was designed to assist us as we move from one field to another, one culture to another.

We flew to Taiwan the end of June to meet with our Asia Region teammates and finally arrived in The Philippines on July 7th. Our immigration paperwork is moving along and we have found a home to rent. We have also met with the seminary staff, who are our new coworkers in spreading the Gospel and planting Lutheran churches. Thank you for your prayers as we settle in for the long haul.

In Christ,

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The Need for True Christian Mercy



St. Stephen Lutheran Church,
Baguio City

Our new church home in The Philippines is St. Stephen's, a historic congregation in this city of over one-million people.

Well over 180 people gather each Sunday to hear the Gospel and receive the Lord's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of their sins.

Pastor Felipe Ehican, has informed Walter that he will be preaching here from time to time as the need arises. Robyn will be active here as well, putting her deaconess-intern skills to work.

It is good to have a faithful church to attend, and to bring people to as we get to know those among whom we now live.

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As we look out from our hotel room, we see the contrast between those who have and those who have not. This is a photo of Marcoville Barongay, a poor section of Baguio. The physical needs of many here are great. Yet the spiritual needs are greater still. Diaconal mercy is different than mere social work. While we strive to assist people with "daily bread needs," deaconesses help the church to lead people to Christ, who is the true Bread from heaven. We spread the Gospel Word as we show the mercy of Christ.

This concrete mercy grows out of the church as Christ's body on earth and leads to bringing people into the Church, in which the Gospel is preached in its fulness and the sacraments are rightly administered. Thus true Christian mercy leads to planting and strengthening Lutheran churches, here and throughout the world.

In Christ's care,

Robyn

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