

Greetings!

Thank you for embracing the mantle of prayer as we launched Christ's Great Commission movement in the Philippines—in the regions of Cavite, Bulacan, and Iloilo.

Over two weeks in searing heat, our team—Patricia Larga, Jane Adair, Nestor and Jean Callao, Evelyn Callao, and myself—partnered with five different churches, working alongside pastors and disciple makers.

Our Ministry Approach

- **Equipping Disciple Makers** — We began by training their disciple makers to heal the sick, share the Gospel, and disciple new believers using our three Great Commission Books:
 - *Book One – Essential Truths of the Christian Life*
 - *Book Two – “Built” Up in the Foundations of the Faith*
 - *Book Three – “Mobilizing and Winning” Others to Christ*
- **Community Outreach** — We went into the community to heal the sick and share about Jesus and the call to repentance. By the end of the mission, the disciple makers were confidently doing this themselves.
- **Forming New Groups** — As people came to Christ, new groups were formed. Disciple makers began teaching lesson one of Book One: *Essential Truths of the Christian Life*.
- **Ongoing Discipleship** — The disciple makers continue to disciple these new believers and will complete Books Two and Three over the coming months.
- **Multiplication** — Once discipled, these new believers will become disciple makers themselves, going out to heal the sick, share the Gospel, and start their own groups. As this cycle repeats, disciple makers multiply and the church's impact expands. This is the heart of Christ's Great Commission.

God's answer to your prayers:

1. God's physical protection as we traveled.

Once again, God faithfully protected us. At one point, six of us were riding on a motorcycle with a sidecar—but God's angels surrounded us.

2. Protection amid the Middle East crisis.

The only challenge was a cancelled domestic flight from Iloilo to Manila. Yet God provided another flight, allowing us to make our international connection back to Canada. Thank you for praying.

3. Protection for our families.

Our loved ones were kept safe. Praise the Lord.

4. Power and authority to heal and proclaim the Gospel.

Each team member had multiple opportunities to speak about Jesus and repentance. God gave us boldness and power, and many came to Christ.

On one occasion, a team member shared with his own family—siblings, uncles, aunts, and cousins. God opened their hearts, and they embraced Jesus as Lord and Savior. He shouted praises for what God had done.

On another occasion, a young couple was so moved by the Gospel that, after accepting the Lord, they asked if I could marry them immediately, as they had only been living together. This happened with another couple as well. God's glory filled these homes, and praise and tears erupted.

Every disciple maker who partnered with us was deeply blessed as they witnessed people being saved and healed. For many, it was the first time they had seen anything like this.

One pastor told me he had prayed for years to learn how to impact his community. After our mission, he said God had answered his prayers. This is the power of your prayers.

5. Supernatural healings that drew many to Christ.

One lady couldn't raise her right hand above her head because of a stroke. We anointed her with oil and prayed. When we asked her to raise her hand, it only went up a quarter of the way, as before. But then God's power came, and right in front of our eyes, her hand arm and hand went straight up. God's glory fell on that home, praise erupted, and the whole family immediately came to Christ.

Nellie had suffered with asthma for 40 years. She struggled to get full breaths and got tired easily. We anointed her with oil and prayed. When we asked how she felt, she said she felt something warm moving through her chest. We asked if she would stand and walk around. She began to weep. Not only could she take deep breaths, but she had a new strength flowing through her body. Again, praise erupted.

Then we prayed for her husband Rodolpho. He was bound to a wheelchair. He could barely stand up and could only move slightly for a short time. He wanted us to pray for his healing, so we anointed him with oil and prayed. After doing so, he said he felt something warm go through his back and legs. So we asked him to stand. Not only did he stand, but he walked around the room effortlessly. Again, God's glory came and everyone erupted in praise and tears. Immediately, the whole household accepted the Lord.

These are only a few examples. But whenever God's glory appeared, praise and transformation followed. Those touched by God led us to other homes, where more people were healed and saved.

6. Over 150 people coming to Christ.

Counting those in communities, hotels, airports, and taxis, more than 200 people repented and became followers of Christ. Thank you for praying.

7. Commitment to discipleship.

Success is not measured by how many pray a prayer, but by how many enter discipleship. Because of your prayers, **80% returned** for discipleship—many bringing other friends or family members who also came to Christ. It was a miracle.

8. New groups planted.

We prayed for 25 new groups. God gave **49**. Once things settle, the number may be in the thirties, but we are thrilled and look forward to returning next year to equip even more disciple makers.

9. Faithful follow-through.

Disciple makers are actively discipling their groups each week. We continue to receive photos of them teaching through *Essential Truths of the Christian Life*.

10. Clarity for our new country leader.

We are still processing this, as the role is critical for the ongoing growth of Christ's Great Commission movement in the Philippines.

Be encouraged—God is using your prayers in a significant way. He is also using the Great Commission pathway we've developed to channel His power to make and multiply disciples in the Philippines and beyond.

Don't forget about our information event, Saturday, May 30, from 1-3 PM at Johnston Heights Church. You'll learn more about our Great Commission movement, what God is doing through it, our vision for future growth, and how you can get involved. I've included an attachment that explains more.

If you're able to join us—either in person or by Zoom—please let us know by **May 25**. Simply click the following email link to inform Petros Yergatian, our events administrator. Thank you! bdmd2026@gmail.com

I always appreciate hearing from you—feel free to drop me a line anytime.

Your Great Commission co-laborer in Christ,

Phil

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