

The BARAN Family

Missionaries to Cebu, Philippines



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Dear Pastor & Church Family,

After months of work and preparation we finally moved into our first home! It's still not finished but we are so happy to be in our first home. Our landlord, like most of the people here, is devout Catholic so we have been looking for opportunities to share the gospel with her. The Lord gave us our first chance to be a testimony right after we moved in. Our landlord owns several empty houses in our area so we told her that we would pray that her remaining apartments would be rented out. Weeks later she came and thanked us saying that all her homes had new renters! We pray that the Lord would not only use us in the ministries at church but also in our own home, with our new neighbors!

Since coming to Cebu I have relied heavily on my Tagalog to communicate with the people. Tagalog is the main dialect in the Philippines so just about every person can understand and talk with me. However there are some who know very little Tagalog and others who are prejudice against my language. I have learned some Cebuano from the folks at church and also through my daily contact with the people but I still have a lot to learn. Thankfully, Pastor Travis, who is fluent in Cebuano started giving us language lessons! Please pray that the Lord would bless Elizabeth and I as we study Cebuano! The language is so important, not only to speak, but also to understand the culture itself. I am amazed that even though I lived part of my life in the Philippines, there are still things about the culture that I don't understand. We're excited to begin lessons and hope to learn quickly!

We just witnessed a blessing on our Nasipit route! For several months now two young mothers have been faithfully joining us for church each Sunday. Just recently they both decided to trust Christ as their Savior! What a great reminder of why we work with these families! You never know who is listening and how close they are to accepting the truth.

PRAYER & PRAISE:

• It's hard to believe Elizabeth's in the second trimester of this pregnancy already. Thankfully, we found a doctor that we like and the baby appears to be healthy. Please continue to pray that the pregnancy would go well and also for Elizabeth as she's a little nervous about delivering in a foreign country.

• We are excited to announce that two more churches have partnered with us financially since we've moved to Cebu! Our thanks go out to New Beginnings Baptist Church in Kennedy, NY and Grace Baptist Church in Beaver Dams, NY! We appreciate all your prayers and support! It is a blessing to know that there are folks still thinking and praying for us across the miles.

We are His and He is Ours,

Chris Baran

Chris, Elizabeth, and Abigail Baran
(Psalm 28:7; Psalm 37:4-5)

"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psalm 37:4-5

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Studying Cebuano in Our Home

