

The BARAN Family

Missionaries to Cebu, Philippines

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2012



Dear Pastor & Church Family,

We hope you all had a blessed holiday season with your families and loved ones! To celebrate the true reason for the season, North Cebu Baptist Church hosted a Children's Christmas Program. It's something that both the kids and the parents look forward to each year! This year we had ninety children participate in our program, Come As A Child! They did a great job singing and making the program come to life. **In all, we had forty-five parents come and hear the beautiful Christmas story.** May we always remember the miracle of Christ's birth; a king who was born to die for this sinful world!

As our family celebrated the holidays for the first time in Cebu, I could not help but be thankful for everything God has done in the short time that we have been here. In this year we have watched the Lord grow our route to average around twenty-five people each Sunday! **Several have even put their faith and trust in Christ and are now trying to reach their own families with the gospel!**

What an encouragement as we settle into this new country and invest ourselves in the lives of these precious people. In this year we have used public transportation to get our route to and from church. As the route has grown it has proven to be more and more difficult to travel. **Because of this we began to pray and search for a vehicle that would suit our needs. We looked at several and realized that to purchase a dependable car would cost more than we expected.** Almost all the vehicles here are imported and do not depreciate in value as they get older. However, praise the Lord we have found a van that would comfortably fit our needs. It's a **2008 Suzuki AVP** with just **30,000 miles.** The total cost of this vehicle, after taxes and paperwork will be **\$10,000.** For the same price we found a '92 Toyota Revo that needed more work and had a much higher mileage. The Suzuki only had one previous owner and was well taken care of. Pastor Travis, veteran missionary in Cebu, has told us that a deal like this is very rare. I know several people asked us while we were in the States that if we ever needed anything to just ask. **So we are asking if you could help us please send any contributions to Word for the World Baptist Ministry. Just please designate it on the check memo- Baran Car Fund.** Thank you so much for prayerfully considering this need!



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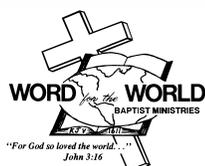
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PRAYER & PRAISE:

• We would like to thank Pastor Schagg and Calvary Baptist in Shelby, Ohio for partnering with us through their prayers and finances! We are so thankful for all the people who have supported us in our endeavor to reach Cebu for Christ!

• We had a visitor come from the States just after Christmas! Elizabeth's brother, Daniel Troyer, came and spent two weeks here with our family. We enjoyed showing him the ministry while he was with us! It is a blessing to know that our families support us as we try to serve the Lord on the other side of the world!

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