

# The Baran Family

MISSIONARIES TO CEBU, PHILIPPINES

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MICAH ELIZABETH CHRIS ABIGAIL

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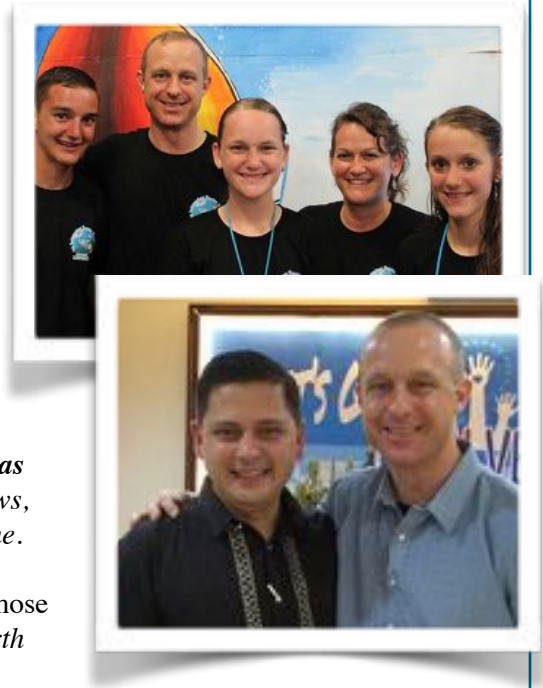


Dear Pastor & Church Family,

As missionaries, one of the greatest blessings God has given us would be our partners, the Lewis family. God has used them in countless ways to help our family: they taught us the language, helped us adjust to life in the Philippines, and aided us when we made cultural blunders. God knit our hearts together and made us family. Now, we ask that you please keep the Lewis' in your prayers. Ms. Angela has been struggling with her health, making it necessary for them to return to the USA. The Lord has used this, coupled with other family matters to make it apparent that they must remain in the States for an extended amount of time. **On June 1, 2017 they will resign as missionaries.** While our heart breaks with this news, it is clear that this is God's will for them at this time.

Throughout their thirteen years of service they have invested their lives in the ministry. Now, all those years of labor has produced fruit. **On May 7th, North Cebu Baptist Church began the transition that will make them a nationalized work.** As the church becomes self supporting our role in the ministry will also shift. **Our focus will be on the Bible College and starting new churches through the college graduates. We are so excited to train nationals and plant new works across the country.** Another ministry we will continue is Commonground Baptist Camp. We believe camp plays a vital role in reaching Filipino young people and we want to invest ourselves in this ministry.

We thank the Lord for our time with the Lewis family. Looking back we can see God's hand preparing us all for this moment. Though they will be greatly missed we are excited about what God is going to do in the Philippines!



## PRAYER & PRAISE:

- Please pray for us and the church as we go through this time of transition. Pray for the Lewis family as they start this new chapter in their lives. Their presence can never be replaced but we know God has different plans for them at this time.
- We are back in Cebu! We want to thank everyone who prayed for us as we traveled home! We've missed the ministry & it's so good to be in the Philippines again.

We are His and He is Ours,

Chris Baran

Chris, Elizabeth, Abigail, & Micah 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