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The Baran Family

MISSIONARIES TO CEBU, PHILIPPINES



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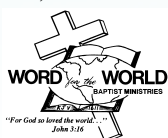
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Dear Pastor & Church Family,

It goes without saying that COVID19 has changed our way of life. As much as we want to go back to normal, a new normal has been forced upon us. Even the ministry has been affected. However, we praise the Lord for giving us new opportunities to serve! *We can still do the work of God through His leading.* That being said, certain doors have closed. In our last prayer letter, we mentioned how our plans to minister in Bohol were cut short. However, in spite of our absence, the Lord has stabilized that ministry and they are thriving! North Cebu Baptist Church has also become much more independent. All of the remaining ministries we were involved in have been given to good faithful people. ***Due to these circumstances, we have decided that this would be a good time for our family to take a furlough.*** Our Pastor has also encouraged us to come home. We're looking at this furlough as a time to refresh, to focus on being a blessing to our home church, and to seek God's will for the "next step" in the ministry.

Also, we have more great news that helped with this decision. ***We are expecting our fourth baby in October!*** With rigid Covid restrictions still in place, having a baby here would be so much more difficult. Please pray for a healthy pregnancy and safety as we travel back to the US. We need God's wisdom as we plan and pray! If you need to get a hold of me for any reason you can contact me through:

• (716)240-0824

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• or my wife's FB Messenger.

After a year's delay, we finally

celebrated the graduation of our Bible college student! Maricris is our Deborah at North Cebu Baptist Church. She's been a great help assisting in the youth group and the children's department. Pray for Maricris, it's her desire to serve the Lord in the ministry! *Pray that she would keep following the Lord's will for her life and that she would marry the right young man someday!*



PRAYER & PRAISE

- Please keep us in prayer as we prepare for furlough. ***Tickets have been purchased and our flight leaves on June 10.*** Our entire family is required to have a negative COVID test before we travel, so please pray for that.
- ***We praise the Lord for the faithful young people who have come back to church!*** So many have returned that another former college student, Bro. Charlie is now leading a class just for these young professionals! Faith over fear! God is still at work in 2021!

We are His and He is Ours,

Chris Baran

Chris, Elizabeth, Abigail, Micah & Philip 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