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Our ministry is church planting and discipleship. We partner with a local pastor, Vincent Ferrer, and currently have five missions. We have different Bible studies with individuals and groups with the purpose of discipleship. Other ministries are cancer support ministry, children's ministry, VSM Philippines team (a team that conducts local mission trips here in the Philippines), and relief ministry (a ministry that helps meet the physical needs of individuals as well as the spiritual needs).

The mission field in the Philippines is vast. There are so many people that live in the Philippines, and it is one of the most populated countries per square kilometer. The majority of the people are Catholic with a works-based mentality of salvation. They are very family oriented, which is a plus and a minus. Many won't leave the Catholic religion because of the family and fear being outcast by the family. Another religion that is prominent in the Philippines is the Iglesia ni Cristo, which is basically a cult. They do not believe that Jesus was the Son of God but only a prophet. They have such a large following because they are able to give out food, money, jobs, and more to the people. Overall, the people of the Philippines are very kind and friendly and have a great heart.



Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the provision of pastors and workers for the five missions in Luzon and for our partner in ministry, Pastor Vincent Ferrer.
- Pray for God's wisdom and grace to be given for the ministry here in the Philippines, as well as God's provision with finances.
- Pray for our health and the health of our family in the States.

Praises:

- For the Lord's protection on the field
- For each soul that has been saved, baptized and now being discipled
- For each person that God has placed in our path and their part in the ministry
- For each person that lifts us up in prayer to the Lord and for those who partner with us financially in the ministry
- For the Lord giving us the opportunity to serve Him here in the Philippines