

PRAYER LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINES



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Dear Prayer Partners,

In the last two months there have been three suicide attempts among people connected with our church (relatives of members or visitors). Sadly, one 18 year old was successful in her attempt when she took poison. God has enabled us to successfully intervene in the case of two others. Annie is a 23 year old working at KFC to put herself through college. We have had several sessions of counseling and Bible study with her. She now understands the Gospel and is soaking up Bible



Annie (in center)

truth like a sponge. She has a different day off from her work each week and is always texting us about when we can have our next Bible study! Gemma is the mother of four children (two of whom are members of our church). Last April she jumped from a two story building in a suicide attempt. Carolyn spent much time with her in the hospital and visiting in her home. She is now attending church and we are making progress in communicating the truth of the Gospel to her. Please pray for both of these women that God will transform them into committed servants of Christ!



Gemma (in center)

Prayer requests:

- 1) We will begin a semester of Adult Evangelism Explosion training on July 19th. So far we have five people registered to take this 13 week training. Please pray that God will use this training to reach many for Christ and to cause spiritual growth in the lives of the students.

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- 2) We have been having difficulty getting through to the high school students who attend our church. They enjoy sneaking out of the worship service and then spending their time talking or texting. On August 2 we will be starting a high school Sunday school class for them. The construction of additional Sunday school rooms as part of our building expansion has made this a possibility. Pray for the Lord to touch these young lives and call them to a true commitment to Christ.
- 3) We have just finished a series of sermons from 1 Corinthians emphasizing the importance of living as growing and mature Christians rather than as “carnal” Christians. In July we will begin a series of messages on Sunday mornings from the book of Genesis. This is an important topic for the many in our congregation who are part of the academic community (either as students or teachers) since evolutionary theory is taught as fact in all of the colleges in Baguio. Pray that as our congregation hears the Word of God that they will understand that God has created them for His purposes and they must follow His call on their lives.
- 4) Mike is again working with doctors to determine what to do about his prostatitis. His last PSA readings were very high, and yet the doctor says they are not much higher than expected compared to previous tests. He will have a prostate biopsy again during August. Pray for wisdom for the doctors to determine exactly what treatment is needed.

We are very grateful to God for each of you who uphold us in prayer and support each month. Thank you for your faithfulness in making our ministry possible here in the Philippines!

In Christ,

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