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DEAR PASTOR AND BRETHREN,

Greetings from Bohol Island! Thank you so much for your faithful support of us and the ministry. It is greatly appreciated. We could not be here without your partnership.

“So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase.” I Corinthians 3:7. The Purpose of a Missionary is to Plant and Water. The Promise of God is to Produce Results. Life is a miracle whether it is physical life or spiritual life. Miracles come from God! We will become frustrated in the ministry if we try to produce the results. We must stay focused on our purpose and stay faithful. We must trust God for the increase. This is what we are trying to do here in Bohol.

PLANTING - “He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” II Corinthians 9:6. If we truly want a harvest, we must continually plant the seed. Many both in the US and abroad have become discouraged with a lack of results and have stopped personal witnessing and passing out tracts. No matter where we live or what the condition of the world, it is never a waste of time to plant the incorruptible seed- the King James Bible. Amen. We are always looking for opportunities to share the Word of God with people. Right now because of various issues connected with Covid, people are less accessible and less approachable. **WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS!**

WATERING - Scriptural missions is not accomplished without a balance between evangelism and education. Often the ministry is about taking care of those who have gotten saved. They need to be watered with the Word. They need to grow in grace and knowledge. We have an older couple, Carlito and Bobbing, who have both gotten saved through our ministry. Carlito got saved last year and Bobbing got saved a few months ago during a Bible study at their home. They are in their 70's. We go to their home every week to do some more planting and watering. To help people grow takes an investment of our time. My wife and I have now invested more than two years of our lives in the Philippines. It has been our privilege. **WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS!**

THE INCREASE - We have not been having any new professions the last few weeks, but I have been encouraged to see the Lord working in the lives of our people. Bobbing is one example of this. Since salvation, she asked for her own Bible. Several weeks later she asked if she could keep one of the church songbooks at her house. One day as we arrived for Bible study, she was not there. After a few minutes, she came walking up the street. She had been out inviting her neighbors and friends to attend the service. We had several new adult visitors that day from her efforts. Bobbing is changing not because of pressure from us but because of prompting from the Spirit of God. Clearly, God is giving an increase from the planting and watering that we are doing. Praise the Lord!

In His Service,

Cliff Sims

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“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” - John 4:35

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