God's word for every people

AETA MAG-ANCHI PROJECT

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from the sunny Sierra Pame! Praise the Lord for all that He has done this month.

Ministry Updates

On March 29-30, I shared about my ministry at Maranatha Baptist Church, teaching three classes to young ladies and presenting the Bible translation ministry on Sunday morning. Praise God for Pastor Gabriel Sotelo's heart for missions. I'm also deeply touched by the generosity of Colorines Baptist Church in Veracruz, who have chosen to support this ministry despite their own poverty. Their pastor, Pastor Genaro, was saved at 14 through my father's ministry and has a powerful testimony that is a blessing and a challenge to hear.

Sierra Pame Update

As you will recall, I had trip scheduled to come to mountains and work under Dr. Neftali Santos, who is a medical doctor, Bible Translator and Pastor. He is currently working on the translation of the Bible into X'iu'I, which is the language of the X'iu'I tribe here in Mexico. My goal is to return to the Philippines and translate the scripture into Mag-anchi which is the language of the Aeta tribal group, however, besides deputation I also need to complete a course called "Project Development" under the mentorship of Dr. Neftali. For this reason, on April 10th, my family drove 8 hours to San Luis Potosi and met up with Dr. Santos on the 11th. I've have begun working with Dr. Santos on the Mag-anchi project development and will be assisting him in the translation of the X'iu'I Bible. It is exciting to collaborate with other Translator's school alumni including: Damaris, Paola, and Skaira, who are also working on the X'iu'I Bible translation.

At Doc's request, I've also started working on a X'iu'I phrase book, which will be useful for others in the future. So far two X'iu'I ladies have agreed to help me, one Doña Antonia, is member of the church here, while the other, Doña Rosa is still unchurched, it is my hope that this little book can be a means to create lasting friendships and open more doors for the gospel on this mountain. The ladies have told me that my X'iu'I pronunciation is quite good, I believe this is because many of the sounds found in X'iu'I are found in English but not in Spanish, which renders the task of learning this language more difficult for monolingual Spanish speakers. We also attended a X'iu'I funeral, where Dr. Santos preached the gospel clearly. The deceased made a profession of faith two days before passing away. Praise the Lord for heaven! Every day the gospel is preached on this mountain, however it is difficult to number the souls saved as syncretism, both with the catholic church and traditional animistic belief is incredibly prevalent here.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

1. My back, and I'm struggling to adjust to not having a bed.
2. The salvation of Don Gabino, who heard the gospel in Yautpec before my trip here, but did not choose Christ.
3. The water situation at Dr. Santos' house, which has been a challenge for 7 years. We hope he'll eventually get a well on his property, providing water for his home, church, clinic, and pharmacy.
4. The success of the project development for the Mag-Anchi and my speedy return to the Philippines
5. The salvation of souls on this mountain.

Praises:

1. Language Study I'm grateful that my language study is going well.
2. Our safety during the journey up the mountain.
3. The souls who have heard the gospel in this past week.
4. Your prayers and support.

My God bless you all as you continue to serve.

Working for His Word,

Faith Duke