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AETA MAG-ANTSI PROJECT

FAITH DUKE

Act 2:6. . . because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

Dear Praying Friends, **March 17, 2026**

The past few weeks have been full of opportunities to serve the Lord, and I am grateful for how God continues to open doors for ministry here in the Philippines.

The Gospel Booklet

Last month, I had the opportunity to share the gospel with two Mormon missionaries: Dunyon from Utah and Dalida, who is Filipino. I was able to use the verse booklet I created in January to clearly present the gospel. Although they didn't make a profession of faith, they were willing to listen out of curiosity, and I was thankful for the opportunity to witness to them.

On February 26th, I had the privilege of witnessing to six young people: Aquisha, Alexis, Kyle, Stephanie, Ashley, and Nicole, using the same booklet. Praise the Lord, all six of them made a profession of faith in Christ!



Figure 1. Sharing the Gospel with Six Young People on Feb 26th in Orion, Bataan, Philippines

Trip to Makati City (Manila)

On February 13th, I traveled from Orion, Bataan to Bethany Baptist Church, in Makati City (Manila). The primary purpose of the trip was a meeting with Pastor Luis Ramos, and Pastor Gerry Nable to discuss starting a translator school here in the Philippines. Pastor Luis Ramos is the senior pastor of Bible Baptist Church in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, where I studied bible translation, and Pastor Nable is the senior pastor of Bethany Baptist Church. What was initially planned as a single meeting turned into two fruitful discussions and an additional phone call. During this time, we were able to lay the groundwork for establishing a translation school here in the Philippines. Lord willing, we are now hoping to begin offering Bible translation classes as early as July of this year! I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord in this capacity. I am also humbled by the work that has been entrusted to me by Pastor Ramos, and ultimately by God.

Trip to Tarlac

On Monday, February 23rd, I was able to meet with Pastor Allen and Pastor Aquino in Tarlac, which is near the Aeta's ancestral land. The goal of our meeting was to discuss the steps needed to launch the Aeta Mag-antsi Bible translation project. Pastor Allen has arranged a meeting to introduce me to the chieftain on Mount Pinatubo on March 23rd. During this meeting, I must present the chieftain with an official letter of intent, as well as gifts that demonstrate my respect and goodwill. This meeting will be pivotal to the progress of the project and will involve climbing Mount Pinatubo. I pray that God will grant me favor in the chieftain's sight, so we can better collaborate on the Bible translation project. I would also appreciate your prayers for the trip on March 23rd.



Figure 2 Meeting with Pastors Allen and Aquino on Feb 23rd in Tarlac, Philippines

Pastor Allen, Pastor Aquino, and I discussed a threefold strategy to ensure the success of the project and its usefulness to the Aeta people: first, the translation of the Scriptures; second, the production of an accompanying audio Bible; and third, the restarting of BLESS (Basic Literacy Education and Skills Services) on Mount Pinatubo.

Pastor Allen is actively involved in helping me build the translation team. He is currently seeking several Aeta individuals who have a desire to serve the Lord. Those who wish to join the team will undergo screening and training before we begin translating the Scriptures. We also discussed compensation for those assisting with the work. Since many of the people living on the mountain have little need for currency, it will be far more practical to compensate them with rice and other essential food supplies. Please join us in praying that the Lord will lead us to those whom He has prepared for this great work.

Feeding Ministry

On February 21st, by God's grace, I was able to host my first feeding ministry through the Good News Club in my neighborhood of Daan Pare. By God's provision, we were able to feed 76 children for under $30. As the Lord allows, I hope to host at least one feeding ministry per month. What a blessing it was to share both the Word of God and a meal with these children!



Figure 3 Feeding Ministry with 76 Children on Feb 21st in Orion, Bataan, Philippines

Additional Ministry

I have completed the translation of the Tagalog script for a 17-minute gospel cartoon, which presents the gospel in a clear and thorough way. It is my hope that the Lord will use the cartoon so that many children here in the Philippines will come to know Christ. We are currently in the revision stage, and we are seeking voice actors and a recording studio for the animation. Once the Tagalog version is completed, I hope to also produce this same cartoon in Aeta Mag-antsi.

I have also begun compiling a word list of difficult or key terms in Scripture. This list will help accelerate the translation process.

On February 27th, Pastor Ronnie gave me the opportunity to share my testimony at a youth revival at Open Door Baptist Church here in Orion. It was a joy to see how the Lord is working in the hearts of these young people.

Finally, I celebrated my 30th birthday on March 1st. Praise the Lord for another year of serving Him!



Figure 4 Testimony sharing in Youth Revival Meeting on Feb 27th, in Orion, Bataan, Philippines

Health

I ask for your continued prayers for my health and for wisdom. Although I am no longer as ill as I was in January, my fatigue persists to the extent that I generally accomplish only one major activity per day. My blood work has returned slightly below the normal range, which will be addressed at my next doctor's visit. The medical check-up also cost more than what I originally budgeted for. Praise the Lord for His continual provision. I have also lost 10 pounds, with most of the weight loss occurring within the first five weeks following my arrival in the Philippines.

God's mercy and grace have been so evident this month through many pastors, leaders, and church members. I am deeply grateful to God for their lives, which have made it possible for me to serve the Lord here. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support. It is truly a blessing to be used by God in His work!

Working for His Word,
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