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*“Now I make known to you,
brethren, the gospel which
I preached to you...*

*For I delivered to you
as of first importance
what I also received,
that Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures, and
that He was buried, and that He
was raised on the third day
according to the Scriptures.”*

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

OUR MISSION is to provide free Christ-centered Bible training to local pastors and church leaders in the Philippines.

Our vision is to restore the honor and glory to **Jesus Christ** as first love of His messengers, as first place in His church, and as first importance of His gospel.

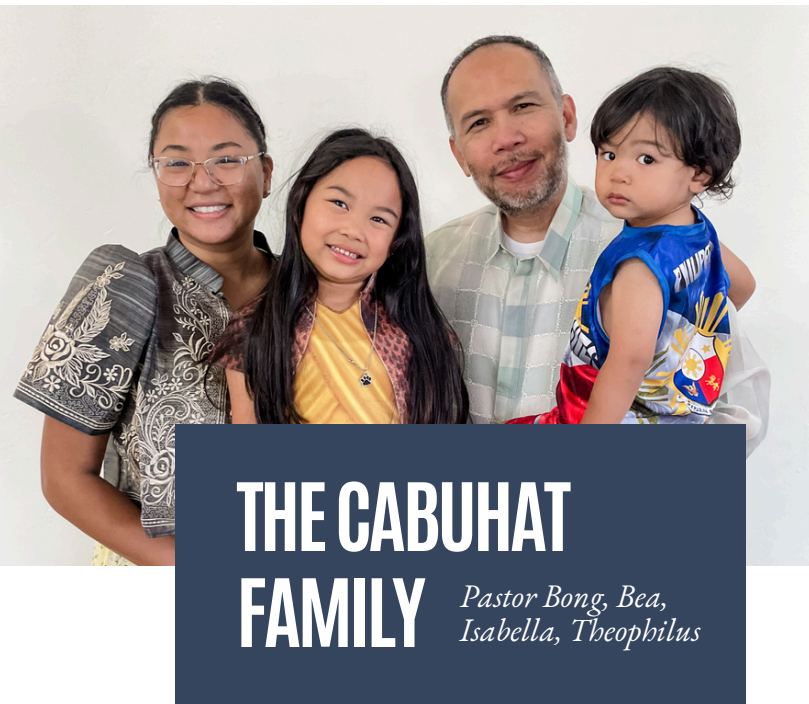


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JANUARY 2025 TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



The Lord of the Harvest (Matt 9:36-38).

The Lord Jesus Christ called us to live in the Philippines in order to fulfill His mission. However, the mission is the same wherever, whenever, and whoever it may be. That is, to glorify Him through the preaching, teaching, and living out of His Gospel (Phil 1:27).

The Lord Jesus Christ is accomplishing the vision of restoring His rightful place in the hearts of people and among His churches in the Philippines (Col 1:13-18). We are amazed to see Him working in the hearts of His shepherds and opening doors for His glory (Col 4:2-4).

This past January, we went to several places in the Philippines preaching and sharing the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to His Word (Rom 10:17). Praise God for the hundreds of people who heard God's Word and by His sovereign will, believed in His Gospel according to Scripture (1 Cor 15:1-5).

By God's grace, we partnered with several local pastors along with their church leaders in sharing His Gospel door to door and conducting evangelistic events in their communities. Plus, during seminars and preaching engagements many pastors in addition to their church leaders were exhorted to keep Christ Jesus at the center of sharing His Gospel and fulfilling His Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)!

In our preparation to live in the Philippines, this mission truly opened our eyes and prepared our hearts to the work/mission that the Lord Jesus Christ prepared beforehand and by His grace we will walk in them (Eph 2:10).

Incorruptible love for Christ,
Pastor Bong Cabuhat
Ephesians 6:24

BY THE NUMBERS

The provinces of
TARLAC
MANILA
PAMPANGA

in Luzon, the northern island of the Philippines



“For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel. For if I do this voluntarily, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.”

1 Corinthians 9:16-18



500+ PEOPLE

heard the gospel through personal evangelism



150 BIBLES

were gifted to unchurched peoples



1000+ MEALS

served during seminars and evangelistic outreaches



100+ BELIEVERS

attended our free Christ-centered seminars from 23 churches



7 BOXES OF DONATED GOODS

filled with clothes, shoes, bags, toys & candy were given out



10 CHURCHES

visited by AOFIM and admonished in the gospel of Christ



250 BIBLE STUDY BOOKLETS

distributed to the churches



70+ PASTORS

were equipped and encouraged by the preaching of the Word



15 STUDY BIBLES

gifted to pastors, pastor's wives, and church leaders



Mission Point #1:

BAMBAN, TARLAC

We give thanks to God for our home church of Bonita Road Baptist Church in California who fully sponsored this week of mission by providing everything needed for training and evangelism, and also by sending believers to join us on the field.

We partnered with three local pastors and their churches who minister to the saints and to the lost on the same mountain in Bamban. A free one day Christ-centered Bible seminar was held for the members of their churches with the sole topic of *the Gospel of Jesus Christ*: why the gospel is as of first importance (1 Cor 15:1-5), what is the gospel according to Scriptures (Rom 1:16-17), and how do we share the gospel of Jesus Christ for His glory alone (Matt 28:18-20). News spread of the free training, and 10 others pastors in the area also attended and we had the joy of fellowship with them all (pictured above).

Then we joined the 3 churches in evangelism for three full days. In the mornings, we split up to share the gospel in homes and on the streets. All glory to God for opening for us a door for the Word, literally and figuratively, so we could speak forth the mystery of Christ (Col 4:3).

In the evenings, we put on an evangelistic event for their communities. We shared the gospel through the preaching of the Word, singing, testimonies, and also provided meals, sacks of rice, and Bibles to those who came, as well as gave candy to children, all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Col 3:16-17).

Through these evangelistic efforts, a total of 8 new families started attending Sunday worship services, and 7 new home Bible studies were started with unbelieving families who want to know more about the gospel of Jesus Christ!



PRAY FOR:

- The city of Bamban, Tarlac and its government authorities, the believers living there, and the lost who are living without Christ (*1 Tim 2:1-8*)
- The churches we partnered with: Mainang Baptist Mission with Pastor Joel, Genesis Community Baptist Church with Pastor Genrev, and Sibul Baptist Mission with Pastor Mark (*2 Cor 5:18-21*)
- The church to be renewed in devotion to Christ and passion for His gospel (*Ephesians 2:19-22*)
- For the seeds of the Word of God that were planted to be watered and bear the fruit of salvation in Christ's name (*1 Cor 3:5-9*)



Mission Point #2:

SAMPALOC, MANILA

Our contact for this mission point was Pastor Rei who has been using our Christ-centered Gospel Workbook for the past 7 years. His church is one of many satellite locations of University Baptist Church (UBC) and they invited us to hold a 2-day Bible seminar for all their pastors and members, some of whom traveled for hours to be trained in Manila.

One day of training was dedicated to the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Cor 15:1-5), and the other was *Christ-Centered Bible Interpretation*. Our Lord Jesus said that all Scripture testifies of Him (John 5:39) and so we searched the Scriptures together to be equipped with why we should study the Bible in honor of Christ, and how our study, teaching, and preaching of the Word should always be reveal the glory of God in Christ.

We praise God for the study Bibles that were donated for this mission point, and it was a

blessing to gift them to the pastors and their wives who attended this seminar. Some of the pastor's wives even expressed the treasure of now owning their own Bible for the first time!

During their two-worship services on Sunday, Pastor Bong was given the topic of *Christ-Centered Mission* and it was another opportunity to admonish the church to glory in the Commissioner Himself: the Lord Jesus Christ (Matt 28:18-20).

God has continued to confirm His calling for us to strengthen the church of God in His gospel. The pastors themselves told us how much they appreciated the reminder to return to their First Love, Jesus Christ. And we've already been invited back to their satellite locations to give further training in Christ-centeredness. So we are eager to continue to preach the gospel to those who are in these churches also (Rom 1:15)!



PRAY FOR:

- The Philippine capital of Manila and its government authorities (*Psalm 2*)
- University Baptist Church (UBC) and their ministry to the students and young professionals. That God will draw people to Himself from all generations (*Eph 3:20-21*)
- UBC Manila with Pastor Marvin and Pastor Nico; UBC Batangas with Pastor Rei and Pastor Rovic; UBC Binangonan with Pastor Rey and Pastor Clopi; The Way Mission Church with Pastor Robert (*2 Tim 2:1-3*)



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Mission Point #3:

ARAYAT, PAMPANGA

We met Pastor Rex last year when Pastor Bong was a guest preacher for a Bible conference at a seminary. Since then, he has been pleading with us to visit his church, and God made a way for our schedules to finally align. Chosen One Community Baptist Church is the only Christian church in the area, with the closest one being a church they planted which is more than a 30-minute drive away.

Pastor Bong delivered God's Word to both churches on Sunday and we enjoyed fellowship with the leaders of both churches. Pastor Rex heard of the equipping and evangelism program we did in Bamnan and is requesting that we consider their area for the next one.

By God's sovereignty, the monthly fellowship for pastors and leaders of the Central Luzon Association of Southern Baptist Churches (CLASBC) was being held at his church the

following day so Pastor Bong was requested to be the one to give exhortation from the Scriptures to these men of God.

There was about 70 people in attendance and through this event we met so many more pastors who want us to go to their churches to hold our ministry programs. So much so, that our first month living in Philippines is already booked with preaching engagements!

They told us that this gathering is actually only a fraction of the CLASBC churches; their bi-annual meeting totals 700+ pastors and leaders, and when all the churches with their members get together for Resurrection Sunday once a year, they are about 3,000! We are overwhelmed at all the people God is giving us the opportunity to minister to for the sake of His gospel and for His glory alone.



PRAY FOR:

- The city of Arayat and the lost in the area who need the gospel of Jesus Christ (*Acts 17:22-31*)
- Chosen One Community Baptist Church with Pastor Rex; for Mapalad Baptist Mission with Pastor Melvin (*Eph 1:18-23*)
- Central Luzon Association of Southern Baptist Churches: for the pastors to be faithful servants of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the Word of God (*1 Tim 4*)

TESTIMONIALS



* “We at Mainang Baptist Mission are very thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to be one of the churches you have helped, not only in reaching out to people who do not yet know the Lord but also in providing financial support and other material blessings through your kindness. Thank you, Pastor Bong, and the whole team. We truly appreciate your kindness, humility, and dedication in sharing the gospel. We treasure every moment we spent with you because we learned many important lessons and had realizations about ourselves. We hope to work with you again in serving the Lord and bringing glory to Him.”

Pastor Joel

* “I was reminded that my devotion should solely be for Christ, not the ministry, for He is the center of the gospel, for He is righteous, for in His mercy and grace and love, I was saved. I was encouraged by these truths to know more of my God, to study the Scripture more, to dwell on it more, to take pains in studying and growing on it, and not just stop there but to have more knowledge and application of it... Thank you so much for coming and teaching us about Christ-centered seminar. Praise the Lord for your hard work po! **Anonymous**

* “Natutunan ko na mas bigyan ng malaking halaga ang Diyos na unang nagmahal sa akin kahit na ako ay makasalan, marumi at hindi karapat-dapat. Na-encourage ako ng seminar na ito na bilang isang pastor ay huwag na huwag kong pabayaang aking personal devotion kay Kristo. Sa biyaya po ng Diyos, malaki ang naitulong sa akin ng seminar or Bible conference na ito upang mas lalo pang mag lingkod ng buong puso at buong buhay ko. Glory to God, AOFIM team!” **Pastor Rovic**

[Translation:]

“I learned to give greater value to God for loving me first while I was still a sinner, dirty, and unworthy. As a pastor, I was encouraged by this seminar to not neglect my personal devotion to Christ. By God’s grace, this Bible conference has really helped me to further surrender to God with my whole heart and life. Glory to God, AOFIM team!”

* “As believers, followers, lovers of the Word of God, in order for us to be united, it should be rooted in our devotion for God. Maraming salamat, busog na busong po ang aming Espiritual.” [Translation:] *“Thank you so much, we are so spiritually full.”* **Pastor Clopi**



LOOKING AHEAD: FULL-TIME MISSION



Future Mission Point

MARUGLO, TARLAC

Last year during an AOFIM seminar, we were so blessed to have met Pastor Jonar and his wife Ninita. They traveled two hours and even slept on the floor of a church just to receive free Bible training. So we set out to visit him and his church, but we didn't know how difficult it would be to get to him.

Pastor Jonar's church is from the *Barangay* or village of Maruglo near Mount Pinatubo in the province of Tarlac. Maruglo is home to many *Aeta*, an indigenous peoples of the Philippines. To get to his church we had to drive for an hour from the closest main city, then ditch our car and ride for another hour in a *kolong-kolong*, which is a motorcycle with a sidecar. Since Maruglo is located inside a Philippine Air Force Base, we had to go through 3 checkpoints before we reached their church.

We were welcomed by many women and

children who started filling up the church when they saw we arrived. Pastor Bong preached the Word of Christ, we gave out 2 boxes full of donated clothes and toys to the families, and shared a simple meal together.

We learned that Pastor Jonar knows 12 other *Aeta* pastors in Maruglo who would be willing to travel to his church to be equipped in God's Word. So we joined in prayer and submitted to the Lord our desire to grow together in the gospel of Christ, despite the challenges we may encounter in trying to minister in their area.

God-willing, Maruglo will be our first mission point in January 2026, beginning with 2 weeks of Bible training and evangelism, similar to what we held at Bamban. We pray that after this introductory mission, God will give us wisdom and direction in how we can minister to these pastors long-term.



PRAY FOR:

- Pastor Jonar, his wife, Ninita, and their four children. Pray that the Lord Jesus would be the foundation of their marriage and household (*Eph 5:22-23*)
- Maruglo Baptist Church, that they would shine the light of gospel of Christ (*Matt 5:16*)
- The other Aeta pastors who minister in this area (*Eph 4:13*)
- God-given wisdom and discernment for AOFIM in making plans to minister in this area. For God to grant us favor with the military base and with the village officials (*Rom 1:9-12*)

MISSIONARY TIMELINE

After 6 years of praying and waiting for the Lord's timing, we are finally moving to the Philippines by the end of this year as full-time missionaries of AOFIM. But before then, we will be spending the rest of 2025 traveling around USA and Canada to share with other believers our ministry and calling to missions.

We want to spend time with you! Our schedule is open if you want to go out for coffee or share a meal with you and your family. Pastor Bong is also available to guest preach during Sunday worship services, or small group Bible studies.

We pray that you would give us the joy of sharing with you our ministry to the Philippines. See our schedule below and send us an email: cabuhat@aofim.org



MARCH-MAY

Visit churches in California and in other states



AUG-SEP

Long-drive to visit churches in Winnipeg, Manitoba



JUNE-JULY

Fly to Canada and visit churches in Alberta



OCTOBER 2025

Cabuhat family's one-way flight to the Philippines

OUR FIRST FULL YEAR ON THE MISSION FIELD: 2026

- * **By God's grace, our first year of ministry programs will be in the province of Tarlac.** We will continue the work that God is doing in equipping the pastors in the cities of Capas (last year's short-term mission) and Bamban (this year's short-term mission). The seminars we've conducted so far have been introductions to our Christ-centered materials, so we, along with these pastors, are excited to have more time together in the study of Christ in all the Scripture.
- * After the January 2026 mission held at Pastor Jonar's church, we will spend the latter part of the year ministering to the Aeta pastors in Maruglo, as the Lord permits.



TARLAC PASTORS



AETA PASTORS





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GIVE



GO

SHORT-TERM MISSION: JANUARY 12-21, 2026

Pray if God is leading you to be a part of this short-term mission. Join us in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to the churches and to the lost for 10 days at Maruglo in Tarlac, Philippines.

The 10 days will include Gospel training and preparation, serving at local churches, door to door evangelism and outreach events... all for the glory of Christ Jesus!

For more information, contact us:
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A MOBILE MINISTRY

Once we live in the Philippines, at every Mission Point, we will **partner** with a local church for a period of 3 months to host our ministry programs. We'll **equip** the pastors and church leaders living in the vicinity of this host church by conducting free weekly Bible training while ministering to them daily. We will also partner with these churches in **evangelizing** their communities in the preaching of the gospel of Christ. After 3 months, we will **travel** to the next Mission Point and begin again with another set of pastors and churches.

In order to bring the training to the pastors and churches in need, we are praying for a Mobile Facility (a vehicle and a camper trailer) that will serve as our ministry headquarters and missionary housing for our family of four.

The Mobile Facility will allow us:

- **mobility** to go to any town and be in the vicinity of the churches in need, enabling us to bring the supplies and materials needed for ministry;
- **flexibility** to the host church, who will not be burdened to provide housing for us; and if needed, we can conduct ministry programs around the Mobile Facility by setting up chairs and tables under an awning; and
- **stability** for our family, especially for our young children, so they will have less difficulty adjusting to our frequent travels to different Mission Points.

Will you prayerfully consider giving to God's work through this ministry? We trust that our God who called us to His mission will also provide according to His will.

Please partner with us in the gospel of Christ through your prayers and financial support (Phil 1:3-5).



 **\$50K**

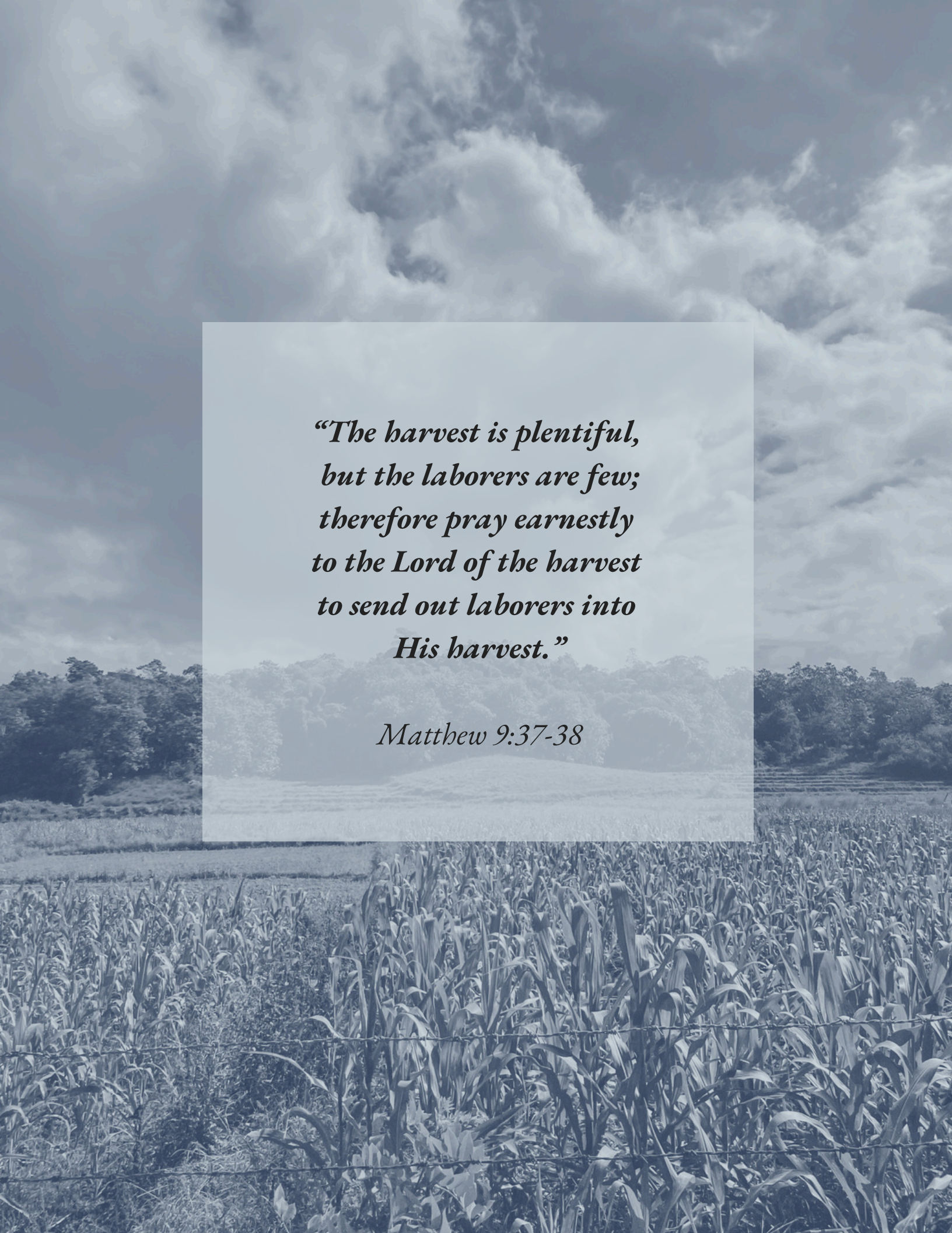
Launch Goal: for one-time large purchases needed to begin our ministry programs in Philippines

- ✓ Plane tickets
- ✓ Camper trailer that serves as the mobile headquarters and missionary housing

 **\$7K**

Monthly Goal or \$84,000 for our first year on the field

- ✓ Conducting free Bible courses for pastors and church leaders
- ✓ Providing free Bibles, study materials, and hot meals during training events
- ✓ Evangelic outreaches in partnership with local churches
- ✓ Missionary support for Pastor Bong and his family of four



*“The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few;
therefore pray earnestly
to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers into
His harvest.”*

Matthew 9:37-38

JAN 2025 MISSION FINANCIAL REPORT

* Income

USD
46%



CAD
54%

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|------------|------------|
| USD | \$3,397.41 |
| CAD to USD | \$3,957.17 |
| In-Kind | \$4,393.22 |

Total Jan 2025 Mission Income \$11,747.80

**Mission Fund income and expenses from the start of fundraising on Oct 1, 2024 to the end of the short-term mission on Feb 5, 2025*

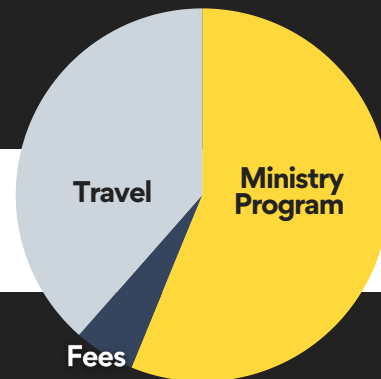
***Contributions in CAD given through Great Commission Foundation Canada.*

**** In-Kind contributions include the printing of AOFIM Bible study materials; Bibles, clothes, candy, sacks of rice, and more.*

* Expenses

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| Donation Fees | \$587.73 |
| Travel | \$4,285.98 |
| Ministry Program | \$6,253.53 |

Total Jan 2025 Mission Expenses \$11,127.24



**Donation fees through Great Commission Foundation and Donorbox*

***Travel expenses include: flights and accommodations for Pastor Bong and family; vehicle rental, gas, tolls, and parking fees.*

****Ministry program expenses include: printed Bible study materials, Bibles, meals for training and evangelism, and local ministry support to pastors and churches.*

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as first place in
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His Messengers,
His Gospel, and
His Word.

As Of First
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