



Philippines Mission Report

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Dear brethren at Deerfoot church of Christ,

Thank you for your ongoing support of our work in the Philippines, and for your prayers. We truly appreciate your partnership in the Lord's work. Your generosity, encouragement, and concern have not only provided for physical needs but also opened opportunities for the gospel in places where people are seeking hope.



This past mission year, from June 2025 through May 2026, we learned once again that the love of Christ is most powerful when it's truly demonstrated among people. Much of our work takes place in rural communities where daily life is difficult, and resources are limited. In those settings, genuine Christian care builds trust and opens the way for Bible study, teaching, and lasting relationships.

Our goal has never been just to offer help. We aim to share God's love and reach souls with the hope of the gospel. Whether through evangelism, children's tutorial centers, visitation, Bible studies, disaster relief, or supporting congregations, all these efforts are connected. They form one mission: to bring people to Christ and help local churches grow in truth, love, and faithfulness.



Over the past year, God blessed our efforts by adding 57 souls to Christ through baptism in 2025, with 5 more already in 2026. We give all the glory to God for every one of these souls, because each number represents a person, a family, and an eternal future transformed by the gospel.

One of the clearest examples of how these efforts work together is in our children's tutorial centers. As we teach the children, we also study the Bible with parents and guardians. Over the past four years, more than 20 family members connected to this ministry have obeyed the gospel. What begins as help for a child often becomes an open door into an entire home.





Throughout the year, the congregations have also remained active in community evangelism. The work has included door knocking, tract distribution, home Bible studies, visitation, mentoring, devotionals, youth activities, ladies' fellowships, and training opportunities across Bohol and Leyte. In both newer works and established congregations, we are seeing that simple, steady, personal labor continues to bear fruit. In some places, growth has come through public outreach. In others, it has come quietly through repeated visits, patient Bible studies, and relationships built over time. But in every place, the principle is the same: people are more willing to listen when they see the love of Christ in action.



The storms that struck our region this year made that truth even clearer. When Typhoon Tino and the subsequent flooding caused severe damage in our communities, the churches were affected deeply. Homes were damaged or destroyed, and many congregations faced serious hardship. The rebuilding efforts aimed to help church members recover, but even while caring for our brethren, we offered food, water, school supplies, and Bible study opportunities to neighbors and nearby communities. People saw Christians serving with sincerity, not for recognition, but out of genuine love. As a result, many who saw this care became more open to listening to the gospel. In some places, relief work opened doors that ordinary contact alone may not have.

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This year reminded us that the work is not without challenges. Some congregations are in remote areas where travel is difficult, resources are limited, and progress can seem slow. In some communities, long-standing religious traditions make people cautious about change. Added to this were the disruptions caused by Typhoon Tino, which affected homes, church buildings, and daily ministry. Yet through these difficulties, the Lord has continued to teach us an important lesson: when the church embraces people's suffering with genuine empathy, it opens the door to share God's truth. Acts of kindness are not a substitute for the gospel, but they often help prepare hearts to receive it. We have seen this repeatedly.

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As we look ahead to the rest of 2026 and 2027, our goal is to continue helping congregations move toward biblical independence and maturity. This includes training faithful men to teach, preach, and lead; strengthening younger congregations through regular visitation and teaching; continuing children's tutorial centers that open doors to families; and encouraging



congregations to grow strong enough to help plant and support new works in nearby communities. This kind of growth takes time, patience, consistency, and prayer, but we are encouraged by the progress we are seeing. The Lord continues to bless the work.



Our desire is to keep going into communities and areas where people are hungry for the truth. We want to keep building relationships, strengthening congregations, training leaders, reaching families, and planting seeds that will bear fruit for years to come. We believe the Lord is using this work not only to help congregations survive but also to help them grow into churches that can stand, teach, and multiply.



Thank you again for praying, giving, and sharing in this mission with us. Your support has helped make possible evangelism in the field, care for struggling families, training for the church, and the spread of the gospel into new homes and communities. We are humbled by your partnership and thankful to labor together in Christ's kingdom.

Your support has been used in several connected ways throughout the year: evangelism and Bible studies, children's tutorial center materials, travel to congregations in Bohol and Leyte, leadership training, school supplies, and church-related needs. Each gift has helped strengthen both immediate ministry opportunities and long-term congregational growth.

We are especially grateful to the brethren at Deerfoot Church of Christ for the gift of clothing sent to the Philippines. That gesture meant so much to our members here. It reminded them that they are not forgotten and that the body of Christ truly shares one another's burdens.



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From Relief to Gospel Opportunity

After the storms, the Lord opened doors through compassion. Food and water were distributed to 1,060 families, rebuilding began for church members whose homes were damaged or destroyed, and help was also extended to neighbors in the surrounding communities. Many first came because of physical need, but through these acts of love, they also heard the gospel. Several families who witnessed the love of Christ in action are still studying with us today.



Storm Damage to the Church Building



Widespread Devastation



Homes Left Damaged and Unsafe



Sharing the Love of Christ in Relief



Rebuilding and Restoration



Opening Doors for the Gospel

To God be All the Glory!