

# *Reaching the* *Filipinos* *for Christ* the **Catalans** **METRO MANILA, PHILIPPINES**



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Dear Prayer Partners,

God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

It has been 24 weeks that the Philippines have been closed to any foreigners of any country to enter. The country keeps extending their quarantine lockdown. As of now the Philippines are in the highest Covid cases in the Southeast Asia. They are requiring face masks and face shields whether inside or outside the house.

As of now, only Filipino citizens and foreigners that have a permanent visa can enter the country. We were thinking of ways to enter the country, and after doing some research found out that all of us can apply and are qualified for dual citizenship in the Philippines. After speaking with an immigration consultant, we have begun the extensive process. We just learned that the Philippine Embassy in Washington DC, which we are under jurisdiction, just opened the department for processing dual citizenships. The process includes 1. John Mark applying for Philippine dual (which we have begun), 2. Reporting of Kristin's birth abroad, since her mom was still a Philippine citizen when she was born, 3. Apply for Kristin's dual citizenship. 4. Report all three kids' births abroad, 4. Apply for kids' dual citizenship. There are several steps for each process and our immigration consultant has told us to put in our minds a possible six-month process. There is still a possibility it could be finished sooner, but it all depends on the Philippine processing times, among others. Please pray with and for us that the process would go smoothly with no hiccups. Applying for dual citizenship will allow us to enter the Philippines and also save us tons of money in the future on visas, extensions, and having to leave the country yearly.

Despite the Covid Pandemic, ministry must continue! I have had several opportunities to preach via livestream for several churches, as well as contactless tract distribution. I am thankful for the opportunities that God still gives to minister to His people. Kristin had the opportunity to talk to and encourage a young lady who is in her college senior year who feels led to minister in Germany! During this time, it is especially exciting to encourage young people about missions. The need for the Gospel in our country and beyond is getting more and more urgent every day. Please continue to pray also for more missionaries to the Philippines. We have heard that due to age and health some missionaries that we know to Philippines will be retiring sometime this year.

Thank you for your continual prayers and support. We always keep you all in our prayers! May God richly bless you!

In His Service,  
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