

Reaching the Filipinos for Christ

the Catalans

METRO MANILA, PHILIPPINES



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Dear Praying Partners,

First, we would like to wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year!

As we come to the close of 2020 and reflect on all the unforeseen events that have taken place in our country, and in our lives, we still give all glory to God and know that all things work together for good, for His glory. We definitely did not expect to still be here for Christmas, but it is surely a blessing to be able to spend another Christmas with my wife's family and friends. I believe one of the bigger hidden blessings is the fact that we learned that we are able to file our dual citizenship papers here a lot faster and efficiently compared to having it filed in the Philippines, which would have been so much more complicated, expensive, and more time consuming.

Dual Application updates: We had filed my and the children's application at the Philippine Embassy in DC the first week of October. The last week of November we received instructions to schedule my oath taking as final step. Unfortunately they schedule 30 days in advance, and when we tried to schedule we learned that the entire November and December slots were full, so we have to try again come January. As far as Kristin, we have finally compiled all the documents needed, and just mailed her Report of Birth application to the Philippine Consulate in Los Angeles, LA. We were told within three weeks we should have her Report of Birth Abroad Certificate within three weeks. Once we receive the certificate, we can mail her application for dual citizenship at the Philippine Consulate in DC. Again, pray all of this will be done as quickly as possible! Thank you for continuing to pray for us!

The situation in the Philippines continues to remain unchanged. Only Filipino citizens are allowed entry. Manila is still under lockdown. It's interesting how they don't have near as many cases and deaths due to COVID as we do here, but their restrictions are a lot stricter!

Thank you so much to those who sent above support as Christmas gifts for our family. Your thoughtfulness and generosity continues to humble us. We are amazed at God's provision on our family during this year and are so truly thankful for your faithfulness to the Lord and your continuance in supporting missionaries. We are truly blessed and privileged to serve the Lord!

In His Service,
John Mark, Kristin Catalan and family

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