

Dear Friends,

The third medical evangelism team to the Philippines in six months (PI 2014) is preparing to leave the U.S. on Saturday, May 10th to open a new chapter in our ministry there. GDMissions teams in December, 2013 and February, 2014 visited areas heavily damaged by Typhoon Haiyan with disaster relief and the Good News of hope in Jesus Christ. This week begins the largest (and most complex) short-term medical and dental evangelism trip we've ever undertaken to the Philippines. An advance group of U.S. pastors is teaching theology at a one-week national pastor's conference in Cebu; then the medical and dental team will minister for one week near Vigan; finally, a team of U.S. and Filipino health professionals, national pastors, and local believers will spend a week in Eastern Samar where an opportunity was opened, by God's providential hand, to begin home Bible studies and eventually start local churches.

Eastern Samar was culturally and religiously closed to a Gospel outreach from the outside until the typhoon tore through the island and lowered barriers of resistance. People were saved at medical clinics in the past six months and others seem willing to hear and learn God's Word. Last month, Associate Missionary J.P. Pornan and others visited Eastern Samar to prepare the way for a medical and dental evangelism clinic which will identify village locations where national pastors might begin local churches.

Please pray for:

- Flight safety and on-time connections; protection of luggage, equipment and supplies
- Effective teaching of national pastors at the conference in Cebu
- Fruit from preaching the Gospel in Bantay, Vigan; souls saved and believers encouraged
- Driving safety; especially for the long drive at night through mountains to/from Eastern Samar
- Compassion to meet physical and spiritual needs of people in despair
- Bold preaching during clinics; souls ready to receive Christ in Eastern Samar villages
- Wisdom selecting sites for possible future churches

The PI 2014 schedule is as follows:

May 3-5	Pastors fly from USA to Manila then Cebu
May 5-10	Pastor's Conference in Cebu
May 10-12	Medical team from USA meets in Manila, flies to Laoag, drives (4 hrs.) to Bantay, Vigan
May 13-15	Ministry: Bantay
May 16-17	Drive to Laoag, fly to Manila then Tacloban, drive (6 hrs.) to Guiuan, Eastern Samar
May 18	Recuperation and supplies prep
May 19	Ministry: Bungtod
May 20	Ministry: Sapao
May 21	Ministry: Taytay
May 22	Ministry: Lupok
May 23	Ministry: Gahoy (1/2 day)
May 23-24	Drive (6 hrs.) to Tacloban, fly to Manila
May 25	Fly to USA

Thank you for laboring with us in prayer for this important ministry in the Philippines. We so appreciate your laboring with us to preach the Gospel to the lost.