



PRAYER REQUESTS

An update from Bro. Stephen Thomas Gavilo

MISSIONARY TO CALBAYOG CITY SAMAR, PHILIPPINES

Dear Pastor and Faithful Partners in Christ,

Blessed be the name of the LORD, who is our help and our shield!

This past quarter, I've seen the Lord's hand move in quiet and faithful ways. It is always a joy to share moments with you. This journey would not be what it is without you. Your love, prayers, and support are the unseen hands God is using to build His work in places I alone could never reach.

FEBRUARY : This month was filled with church meetings. The Lord allowed me to visit several churches where I had the joy of meeting pastors and church members whose encouragement deeply touched my heart. One special moment was when a young man approached me after a meeting, sharing how the message stirred his heart. It was a humbling and beautiful reminder that God alone moves hearts through His Word.

Even as unpredictable weather caused some services to be canceled, I continued distributing gospel tracts on the road, trusting the Lord to bring fruit in His time. As I prayed over each tract, I found comfort knowing that God's Word never returns void.

Though our financial support remains at **20%**, the daily needs have never gone unmet. An incredible testimony of God's provision.

MARCH : March was another fruitful month. Traveling through Florida and Georgia, I was welcomed with open arms by fellow believers and had the privilege of attending a mission conference. The warmth and fellowship I received reminded me again of how the family of Christ is united no matter the miles.

Praise God, the Lord increased our monthly support to **25%**, with ten churches officially partnering in the ministry.

While awaiting news on the extension of my stay in the U.S., I held tightly to the truth that God's timing is always perfect. Whether here or back in the Philippines, I know that wherever He leads, He equips.

APRIL : April brought some of the most impactful news. My visa was approved! I'm now permitted to stay in the U.S. until September 24, giving me five more months to continue deputation and reach my goal of 40 supporting churches. As of now, 12 churches and several individual supporters have partnered, bringing us to **30%** of the goal. I am humbled by what God has done and expectant for what's still to come.

- To have safe and secure travels.
- To stay healthy and have the needed funds to cover my deputation expenses.
 - To fill my schedule with meetings & mission conferences.
- To have 40 churches that could support the ministry in Samar.
- To be a blessing to every church I visit.
- To be an encouragement and to grow more in the ministry.
 - To preach God's Word with Boldness and Power.
 - To win more souls for Christ.

FEBRUARY 2025



APRIL 2025

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Though long travels and changing weather took a toll on my health and vehicle, the Lord kept me safe. In one stretch of the month alone, I journeyed from Tennessee to South Carolina, then back to Tennessee, followed by trips to Alabama and Chicago for church meetings. The miles may be many, but the testimonies and protection of God are countless.

God's provision through your support has met tangible needs; gas, car insurance, meals, and more. Your partnership truly helps carry the load.



For this quarter, **\$1,300** has been raised toward the pre-owned church van fund. This van is a deep need for the ministry, and I'm trusting God to move mightily and provide the rest as He sees fit.

As I prepare for my return to the Philippines, I humbly ask for your prayers for the remaining financial needs, especially for my plane ticket and future ministry groundwork. And if you happen to know a church that may be open to supporting a missionary, I would be deeply grateful for any connection you can offer.

Thank you for standing with me, not just in word, but in prayer, in giving, and in heart. Your investment is eternal, and I pray that the Lord will reward your faithfulness abundantly. May we all continue, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, to press forward. Enduring hardships and rejoicing in His strength.

With a grateful heart,

BRO. STEPHEN THOMAS GAVILO

Your Missionary on Deputation to
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Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 (KJV)

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