



The Fuchs Family



Taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the World - through the Island of Cebu, Philippines

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Dear Fellow Laborer,

It is hard to believe we have been in the Philippines for over one month now! This marks the longest that the kids or I have stayed in the Philippines at one time. We have been so busy as you can imagine. When we first arrived in country we had to take care of my visa paperwork, and getting a drivers license. Both were relatively quick and painless. We purchased a car, and began renting a house in a barangay (town) called Sabang which is just south of CarCar city. Many of our first weeks here were eaten up with getting a house and setting it up.

Not all of our time was taken up with just "living life". We were able to locate the family of a lady we met in Vancouver. She had given us a note with her families names on it asking us to follow up with them. We found them and they allowed us to have a Bible Study in their house the second Sunday we were in country! We are so grateful for the opportunity for somewhere to meet so soon and to be able to see all six present accept Jesus Christ as their Savior! We are thankful that they have all returned every week since then! We are so privileged to see the growth and spiritual development of this family. There are still several of their family members who need to be saved so please continue to pray for them as well.

Since that first Sunday we have been having the Bible study in our house. This has not been an ideal situation, but we want to continue to see souls saved and have somewhere they can go to grow in the Lord. We have had good attendance each week and have outgrown our living room. The Lord knows all about the need and sent a young man who just finished school in Mindanao back to CarCar. His name is Kris and he will be teaching the children's Sunday School this Sunday. The children will be outside, while the adults stay inside, which will help for at least one more week.

Since we have outgrown our current space we are diligently looking for new space. There have been several places that have looked promising to us, but God has closed the door. While it can be discouraging when you get excited about a place and the door suddenly closes, we rest in the fact that God is looking out for our interests and will put us in the perfect facility at the perfect time. Please keep this item in prayer.

I am scheduled to begin language lessons tomorrow. I have been studying on my own while we located a teacher. Learning the language will really help in reaching the people, as you simply cannot build close relationships speaking english. Please pray for me to be able to learn the language quickly. This is an area I really struggle with, so I would covet your prayers. We are also having 10,000 Cebuano tracts printed which should be here by weeks end. We look forward to getting some of our new converts out soul-winning!

I have been trying to update our website frequently - about every two weeks. There are many pictures there, of our first converts, of some of the Bible studies, and other things. Also the contact information on the left side of the letterhead is updated with our current address and phone numbers. Probably the best way to get in touch with us is through email. Our website is located at <http://www.savecebu.com>.

Nathan and Cookie are adapting to life well and have made several new friends. They went all out and made us dinner and took care of us for our anniversary yesterday. While we have all been to the Philippines on many occasions in the past, we are still adapting to life in a foreign country. Sometimes it is really fun, and sometimes it is really frustrating. We take the good with the bad and are just happy the Lord allows us to serve Him here.

Before leaving for the field we had one last service in our home church, my ordination service. Another man, Chris Carabel, was ordained with me. Exactly one year earlier Bro. Chris and I graduated as the first undergraduates of the Open Door Bible College. It was extra special to have him ordained at the same time. He will stay at Church of the Open Door as the Children's Pastor. I am also thankful for the many people who came from out of town to make the evening extra special.

We again thank all of you for your faithful prayers and financial support. We have had at least one church pick us up since we have been here, and that is also a blessing. As you pray please continue to remember us in your prayers as we seek to begin the Open Door Baptist Church, CarCar.

For the Faith,

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