



### Travel Update

As of this writing, the Philippine government has not officially lifted the ban of travelers from the US to enter the Philippines. However, the mission work in the barangay of Sagpangan, in the municipality of Aborlan, in the province of Palawan, is alive and well. This month we highlight the timid member of our AWA Philippines team, Raylene Espinosa.

### Ukulele Ministry

While we were in the Philippines, a donor sponsored the purchase of three ukuleles to teach the young people of Sagpangan. In Sagpangan, many of our young people's families still believe in tribal rituals. We knew that the Espinosa family were music minded and that they would willingly teach the children to draw them to the Gospel and away from unhealthy rituals.





What is remarkable is that the impact of the ukulele ministry has multiplied many folds. One Sabbath, Monique was at the Saw Mill church when two young ladies brought their ukuleles and played. Monique asked them where they learned how to play and they responded that they learned to play from a nurse in the church in the city of Puerto Princesa. They added that the nurse formed a ukulele-playing choir in their church and many young people attended her lessons. A church member then relayed to Monique that the nurse had been taught how to play the ukulele by Raylene.

This is an example of the influence of what we give, whether financially (funding ukuleles), in kind (donating ukuleles), time (teaching) and skills (playing a musical instrument) can do. The one-student energy Raylene provided to teach Gay how to play ukulele meant a whole choir of young people learning to play in another part of the province and using that newfound talent to play in other parts of the province or country. Our talents, no matter how big or small, can be used as a ministry for Jesus and bringing others to know Him. Let us not be weary in sowing seeds for our Master.

## A Woman with Many Talents

Yes, Raylene may be timid, but her talents and influences are many. Like the woman in Proverbs 31, she supplements the family's provisions through her garden. She also supplements the family's income by raising and selling chickens and rabbits as well as growing flowers and plants for sale. She teaches children's Sabbath School and is Edgar's right hand in ministry. Raylene and Edgar have lived in Saggpangan since 2007. It is where they raised their children, Von, now 22 and Earyl, now 18. May they continue in ministry as God leads and blesses them.


*May God bless you!*


*Bruce and Monique Wilkerson*

**SCRIPTURE OF THE YEAR:**

**“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”**

— 2 Chronicles 7:14

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