



JESSA

Bravery in the Face of Truth

Edgar Espinosa and his wife, Raylene, minister in the barangay of Sagpangan. This month they introduce you to Jessa May.

Jessa is a 16-year-old who was recently baptized. She enjoys coming to Bible studies, but irregularly attends because of her many chores at home. She takes care of her younger siblings and the family water buffalo. Her parents are Muslim and Catholic.

Every time she is at Bible studies, she listens attentively. Sometimes she would shyly ask questions and the Espinosas are always delighted to answer them.

One Sabbath while attending a baptism, Jessa decided she wanted to be baptized too. She kept her baptism a secret until the day her cousin Crisa was taken to the hospital. Jessa's parents went with the Espinosas to the hospital, and it was then that the parents realized the Espinosas really do love and care for the children of Sagpangan. That was the beginning of a new friendship.

Now, when the Espinosas have worship, Jessa is there. Her parents have permitted her to come and learn more about Jesus. One Sabbath afternoon, a member of the church asked her why she decided to be baptized even though her parents did not agree with her beliefs. She answered that she had learned to read the Bible and she believes in her heart that the church indeed teaches what the Bible teaches.

Please pray for Jessa, that her parents will respect her decision and that they will one day join her in her love for Jesus.

Solid and Steadfast

Missionary work for Christine began with the 1000 Missionary Movement in 1996. In February 2005, she accepted the call to full-time missionary service with AWAF. Accepting the challenge of missionary accountant was not an easy decision because it meant moving away from her home, leaving her family, friends, and all she had ever known.



Christine was willing to work and move to Palawan if the Lord would spare her from getting infected with malaria, which is so prevalent in the southern part of the island. Getting sick would be difficult, being alone without a family to care for her, but praise the Lord, 15 years have passed and Christine has not had malaria. God is true to His promise found in Psalms 91: 10-11. "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

Although Christine is a transplant from Cavite, she has since thrived in Palawan and is involved in many ministries most specifically, transportation ministry for the elderly who loves her dearly.

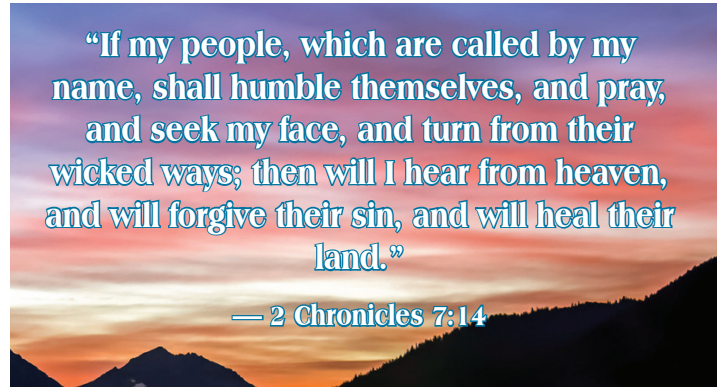
Betchie is the eldest of five children, all daughters. She grew up in a simple household with a dream.

Our Newest Addition



Betchie completed her Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management degree from Palawan State University. She is a hard worker and aspires to use her skills and talents to the utmost of her abilities.

Betchie met the Wilkersons at the Napsan SDA Church in August 2020. They immediately saw in this young lady a



character and personality that fits in with AWA so she was invited to Sagpangan for a 10-day trial period as project manager assistant and... she got the job! Betchie considers her involvement with AWA an opportunity of a lifetime.

During this unprecedented pandemic time, Betchie continues to lead and minister to the youth in her community of Napsan. She is not hindered by obstacles, but is pressing on to be a part of the calling God desires all of us to answer.

Prayer Request and Project Need



- A project manager and committed pilots willing to answer the call to serve with AWA
- The project "chariot" is old and beaten yet still running, but it needs a major facelift. Funds are needed.

God bless you!

Edgar & Raylene Espinosa



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