



A Family United by Edgar

One of the greatest joys for me is when a precious soul accepts Christ as their God and Savior and follows in His footsteps. Then when that person shares his new beliefs with friends and relatives, my joy is complete!

Rolet is a 50-year-old farmer with six children. One of his children was baptized three months ago, after our evangelistic meetings. Rolet has seen many changes in the life of his son, and so he decided to follow the beliefs of his son as well. Giving up certain food was not easy, and keeping Sabbath holy was strange, but now he loves it. Before his baptism, he believed that if he gave up consuming unclean foods that he would throw-up from the lack of it. Now he doesn't miss it. Whenever he has a chance, he stops by his friends' and relatives' homes to tell them about the holiness of the Sabbath; that they should rest from daily routine work for just one day a week because the body needs it for God gave us six days to work and one day to rest--the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord God. It's a day to come together and worship Him who gave us everything.

Please pray for his wife. She does not want to follow her husband yet, because she is sick and believes that eating shells from the river will boost her blood cells. They do not have money to go to the hospital and buy the medicine for her healing. Pray also that their other children will choose to follow Jesus. They are coming to Sabbath School and church, but do not want to be baptized if their mom isn't going to be baptized. Please help us pray for this precious family that they be united in their faith in Jesus.

God's Good Plan for Me by Betchie



My family lived in Mindoro for 24 years but moved to Palawan three years ago. We made a lot of adjustments yet remaining simple and happy. My father and grandmother plant rice so we can survive while me and my siblings work while studying. December 2019, I had the opportunity to travel to Korea but because of my mother's hospitalization, I was not able to travel.



I was sad because the simple dream of visiting another country did not come true. The remaining money I saved to go to Korea for a tour, I used instead to apply to take the civil service commission exam. I worked hard and kept praying to pass my exam but sadly it did not go through due to the pandemic. I felt sad and cried with the Lord a few times but continued to trust and grow stronger in the faith that the Lord had a better plan that would be better than my plans. So, I went back home to my family.

One of the elderly indigenous people asked my father to begin an association for their village. My father was made an officer of the association. We immediately moved to a house to help and support our father in helping other natives. We continued to live quietly and simply in that area with a few neighbors. While we experienced the restrictions of the Barangay in our worship due to the pandemic, we continued to feel the love of God. We are also gradually building a small chapel with the help of pastors so that others do not have a reason not to worship on Saturdays especially the elderly who have difficulty walking. Some of the residents there donated the necessities such as nails, galvanized iron, wood, and others. I am happy to witness this good plan given by God to our family despite my unrealized dreams from my younger years. Instead, continuing to serve AWA and continuing to help young people who are discouraged in life are my dreams come true. I believe God wants me to love, support and encourage God loving people, young and old.

God's People (continued from last month's story)
by Christine



After purchasing the medications that Oliver needed for his initial treatment, a sum was handed for whatever initial expenses will be incurred during the check-up with the ophthalmologist the following morning which was to be at a different hospital. Oliver was to be there first thing as instructed by the doctor.

Morning came a quarter past 11 when I finally got a call. Prior to that I have been wondering about how the doctor's examination went and what medical procedure he would need. Jonel, our layman at the Sagpangan church, who accompanied Oliver, was finally reporting that the doctor removed the three particles in Oliver's eye; it wasn't a complicated procedure but must be observed for 10 days for swelling or infection. If all went well, he does not need to see the doctor again. I asked him the cost of the treatment and he replied that the doctor only charged P700.00. Wow! P700 only? Ordinarily that's just like paying for a regular consultation fee! The P1,000 we gave had P300 left. So, I conveyed to him to just use the remaining amount for their travel back to Aborlan.

The following day, I went to see Dr. Cynie Gepaya during lunch break to report what has been done for the patient that she helped. I told her the good news that all went well and only that much was spent. She said that it was obvious; the patient she referred was not really charged for all services rendered. That P700 was probably for supplies or medicine used.

Praise God for charitable doctors who have hearts to treat indigent patients who cannot afford medical care. Let's pray that there would be more medical professionals like them who are God's hands in serving the needs of others!


Prayer Request and Project Need

Willing hearts to serve as missionaries with AWA in the beautiful island of Palawan ministering to the beautiful people of the Philippines.


Both our Philippine Project vehicles are in need of replacement. Both are serving well and serving extremely hard. Prayerfully consider assisting the project of purchasing new vehicles for Edgar in Sagpangan, and Christine and Betchie in Puerto Princesa.

God bless you! Your AWA Philippines - Palawan Mission Families


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