

# CABUNTALA FOR CEBU *Philippines*



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Greetings from Cebu!

We are grateful that God has answered our prayers and provided a home for us to rent. It is quite small, but we are thankful for His provision. The house is located in the mountains and is about 45-60 minutes farther out than where we were before. We did try to find something closer, but nothing within our budget met our family's needs or was in an area safe from flooding.

At first, we were concerned because the new location puts us even farther from the hospitals, and traffic can be quite heavy. However, we are trusting that this is where the Lord has placed us for now.

One great blessing of being in the mountains is that we are safe from flooding—we no longer have to worry every time it rains. After experiencing a life-threatening flood and losing so much, we are especially grateful to God for His protection and provision. Thank You, Lord! The cleaner air here is an added blessing, especially for my wife's lungs.

I wanted to share a brief update on Angel's health. We praise God that her recent bone scan showed no evidence of metastatic breast cancer in her bones—Thank You, Lord! This was a great relief, as Angel has been experiencing significant pain in her bones and joints. We now know these symptoms are side effects of her medications, not the cancer spreading.

While the pain and fatigue can be debilitating, Angel continues to draw her strength from the Lord. He sustains her, and she seeks to use His strength to be a blessing to those around her.

A wonderful example of this happened while she was waiting for her bone scan. The waiting room was full of women there for testing. Though Angel wasn't feeling well and had hoped to quietly rest while waiting for the radioactive tracer to move through her body, the Lord had other plans.

As she sat between two women, she overheard one sharing that her mother had just been diagnosed with cancer and was overwhelmed with fear. Angel noticed the mother sitting nearby, visibly shaken and close to tears.

In that moment, Angel prayed, "Lord, You have placed me here for a reason. Help me to bloom where I am planted," and asked Him to open a door for conversation.

Almost immediately, the mother turned to her and began speaking. As they talked, others nearby began to listen. Angel shared how her faith in God has sustained her and given her strength through this trial. When she spoke of God's love and His desire for a relationship with her, the mother broke down in tears.

Angel went to her, asked if she could hug her and pray for her, and the woman leaned in. As Angel prayed, the woman began to calm, and soon others leaned in as well. Angel found herself praying not just for one, but for several women in that room.

She wanted to share the Gospel, but the nurses were calling patients in and out for their scans. Before they parted, Angel gave each of them a Gospel tract and her phone number, letting them know they could reach out with questions or for prayer.

My wife has such a tender heart, and I truly believe God is using her to point others to Him. God is so good.

We would greatly appreciate your prayers. Angel's liver numbers have risen... not to alarming levels, but enough to show that the oral chemo is affecting her liver. She is also scheduled for a PET/CT scan in June. Please pray for favorable results, for minimal discomfort during the scan, and that she will be able to remain still throughout the procedure. Most of all, please pray that God would continue to use Angel... even in the hospital as she desires to faithfully bloom where she is planted.

We've had several returning visitors recently, and we're thankful that one has already joined the church. Her name is Francisca, a dear senior saint who had previously been saved and baptized. She has such a sweet spirit.

Since her second visit, Francisca has brought bread almost every week to share with the members during our snack and fellowship time. After about a month, she expressed her desire to join the church. When she spoke with my wife, she also shared that she wanted to join the other senior ladies in soulwinning.

Francisca came from a Baptist church on another island, where she had attended for many years. However, she shared that she had never gone soulwinning before. After attending our church, she felt a strong desire to begin.

She officially joined that Sunday and went soulwinning with our senior ladies the very next Saturday. For now, she is learning how to lead someone to the Lord. In the meantime, she faithfully hands out tracts and serves as a silent prayer partner.

It is a joy to see how faithfully attending church and participating in soulwinning has brought her joy and given her a renewed sense of purpose.

We have seen God answer so many of our prayers, and I'd like to share one in particular.

In February, two families—two sisters and their families—returned to church after several years of backsliding.

Over the years, we had invested much love and time into their lives. When they drifted away, we reached out and tried to encourage them to return, but they simply weren't ready. So we continued to pray for them—and praise God, He has answered. They are now back and have been faithfully attending for the past two months.

Seeing them walk through the church doors again brought such joy to our hearts. It was especially meaningful to see the children—some of whom were born into the church and have grown up there from a very young age. They were so hopeful, happy, and excited to be back in church.

Just last Sunday, one of the sisters shared a testimony. She expressed how thankful she was to be back in church and that her children are now excited to attend each week. Though she had felt ashamed to return after being backslidden and away so long, she said that when she finally came back, she experienced nothing but love and a warm welcome.

It is a beautiful reminder that God's Word never returns void, and that although there are many devices in a man's heart, it is the counsel of the Lord that will stand.

We are so grateful to see how God continues to work in hearts and restore lives.

This past April 7 marked 10 years since we arrived on our mission field. It's hard to believe how quickly a decade has passed. So much has happened in these ten years.

We have faced deep trials. There have been hurts from pastors and other ministries. We have endured devastating floods and typhoons that have taken nearly everything—serving in the Philippines, one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world. We also went through COVID-19 here, with some of the longest and strictest lockdowns. We have experienced painful persecution from family. And now, we are walking through one of our greatest trials—my wife's ongoing battle with cancer.

Yet through it all, we are still standing.

And through it all, we have seen God work.

For every battle, there has been a victory. God has used each trial to bring honor and glory to Himself. He has faithfully sustained us—spiritually and financially—every step of the way.

Just one month after arriving, we were able to start a church, even though our original plan was to assist another ministry for a year. God had different plans. Over time, our faith has grown stronger—but just as importantly, we have watched God use these same trials to strengthen the faith of those around us. What He has allowed in our lives has become a testimony that encourages others to trust Him more deeply.

We have seen prayers answered. We have seen souls come to Christ. We have seen lives changed.

So through it all—every hardship, every trial, every victory—we can truly say: God has been good.

I want to close this letter by once again expressing my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your love and your fervent prayers. I truly believe your prayers have helped carry our family through a very difficult and traumatic time.

Your sacrificial financial giving has also been such a tremendous blessing, helping to meet many of our needs in very practical ways.

Thank you for your generosity, your kindness, and your faithfulness.

Over these past 10 years on the field, we are so thankful for your continued support—you have a part in every soul saved and every victory. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for bringing us before the throne of grace. And thank you for your continued support. God is so good.

