

PHILLIPINES 2013 PRAYER GUIDE

This prayer guide is for Crossway Christian Church's April mission trip to the Philippines. The team consists of John Botkin, Doug Brubaker, and Jason Skidmore.

On this trip, we have four main ministry goals: 1) preaching and teaching God's word in various setting, 2) encouraging the local pastors, 3) assisting in the regular ministries of our church-planter, including his evangelism efforts and food distribution program, and 4) ministering directly to our church-planter, providing resources and fellowship that will encourage him toward continued faithfulness. Here is a simplified schedule of our activities and some suggestions for prayer, along with some Scripture passages to aid you in your prayers:

April 14-16: Travel to the Philippines and Settling In to the Culture. Our flight will take approximately 19 hours to complete with only one stop. Pray that we trust in the wisdom God's sovereignty and power of God's gospel, taking every opportunity to share Christ with those around us (Acts 17:26-27; Rom 1:16). Pray that we would get the rest we need and begin to understand the culture in which we will be serving (1 Cor 9:21-23).

April 17-20: Summer Bible Camp. Young children to young professionals will be gathering to hear messages on "The Armor of God." Please pray that we will be clear in our presentation of God's truth, especially as it relates to fighting sin in our lives and developing discernment for God's truth among many counterfeits. Pray for the students to be equipped for godly wisdom and spiritual warfare (Rom 12:1-2; Eph 6:13).

April 21: Preaching at Local Churches. We will be preaching three times this day as well as assisting in a food distribution program. Please pray that we will be filled with God's Spirit as we preach God's Word. Pray that God's people will be grown deeper in their faith and conformity to Christ (Rom 8:29).

April 22-27: Preaching at Various Locations. During these days, we will be preaching for the city Mayor and his staff, in a city jail, at two prayers meetings, a senior citizen's Bible study, and a pastors fellowship. Please pray that we will rightly discern the needs of these various groups (1 Thess 5:14). Pray that we will bring them the Word in such a way that they are more and more brought to maturity in Christ (Col 1:24-28). Pray for Jason as he travels home on April 22.

April 28: Preaching at a Commissioning Service. In the morning, John will be preaching at a commissioning service for a local church planter and helping in the food distribution ministry in the afternoon. Pray that this will be a special time for this man to understand with clarity his calling and future ministry. Pray he will be encouraged to be faithful to God (2 Tim 4:1-5).

April 29: Travel to the United States. Our flight back will be about the same length, but because of the direction of our flight, we will arrive on the same day that we leave. As before, pray that we trust in the wisdom God's sovereignty and power of God's gospel, taking every opportunity to share Christ with those around us (Acts 17:26-27; Rom 1:16).

In addition to these specifics, please pray for our team to **be unified and enjoy fellowship** on this trip (Rom 15:5). Pray that we will stay close to God and fight for **holiness** (Rom 8:12-15). Pray that we enjoy **safety** in travel so we can maximize our time for ministry (3 John 2). Finally, pray that we can build up our local partners and **encourage** them in the faith and their ministry (Col 4:8).

Thank you for supporting us and our trip with your prayers. Our desire is to bring glory to Christ as we seek to help make disciples of all nations.