

The DeOme Family

your Missionaries in the Mhilippines



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Dear Family, Friends, and Supporting Pastors,

We pray that you had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. We spent time with our daughter Shelly and her family early in Dec. and then spent Christmas day with our son and his family here in Oklahoma City. Despite the many continued doctor visits and medical procedures we had dealt with, it was a great way to end the year 2024.

As you remember, I had asked you to pray with us regarding a future ministry and to give us time for the doctors to help us resolve our health issues. God has answered our prayer and yours regarding a future ministry and praise the Lord that we have made progress health wise. However, our doctors have advised us to stay close by and not return to the Philippines right now. At this time, we know we need to stay in the states for a while.

Let me begin with going back to our first work in the 80's and 90's in Borongan, Eastern Samar. While winning souls and starting New Testament Baptist Churches there in Eastern Samar, we also had the privilege of starting a Bible college. Later when we went to Mindanao to work with Missionary Bruce Rice we again worked in a Bible college. Through the years we have seen how important a Bible college education is and how it plays a strong role in shaping and molding the lives of young people as well as adults and grounding them in the Word of God. After praying for sometime about taking furlough with the possibility of staying in the states, God put it in our hearts the desire to be involved in a Bible college. Once we arrived in the states to start our furlough, God allowed us to sit down with Pastor Domelle (a supporting pastor), and he shared his desire to start a Bible college and train young people. We realized he had the same desire as my wife and I had prayed about in the Philippines. Because of our health issues I could not give him an answer. Also, we didn't feel that we could jump into another ministry without actually doing furlough and talking to my other supporting pastors. Also, at that time we were not giving up on returning to the Philippines because our hearts were in the Philippines, and still are. As you might remember when we were at your church, we told you there was a possibility of us returning to the Philippines, but also there was a possibility that God had a plan for us to stay in the states.

Now that we have finished furlough, and our medical issues have improved it is time to go forward in the next chapter of our lives in 2025. God has led me to be a missionary/evangelist and promote missions. I will be available to preach mission conferences for you. God also gave us the desire of our hearts to be involved in a Bible college. In order to do this we knew we needed to change churches. This was a very difficult decision as we have been a part of Windsor Hills Baptist Church, now Higher Plain Baptist Church for 47 years. In order to, move on with this chapter in our lives we will become members of Maranatha Baptist Church and be a missionary/evangelist out of that church. So, as a missionary/evangelist I will be traveling and promoting missions, at the same time promoting Old Paths Baptist College that is a ministry of Maranatha Baptist Church. When I am not out preaching mission conferences I will be teaching in the college as well. As a missionary, I still need monthly support. So, if you can continue supporting and partnering with us in this new ministry it would be greatly appreciated. Will you allow God to use you in this new ministry as we endeavor to win souls for the cause of Christ? My plan is to start booking meetings as a missionary/evangelist. By summer, we pray that we can be taking a group of people on a mission trip if it is God's will and if details can be worked out.

Now we know we walk by faith, and not by sight. This is a big step of faith at our age. God has been good to give my wife and I better health again this past year and we want to serve Him until the day He calls us home. We do not take it lightly that you have been faithful prayer warriors on our behalf for many years as well as faithful supporters. This decision has not been made without much prayer and consideration. If you decide to continue supporting us in this new ministry the support needs to be sent to Maranatha Baptist Church, 2800 N. Divis Ave., Bethany OK 73008. Checks should be made out to Maranatha Baptist Church with my name, Daniel F. DeOme, in the memo section.

Thank you again for all your kindness to us and praying that we can continue in years to come.

Your Missionaries to the Philippines, Dan and Beth DeOme