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## PHILIPPINE MISSIONS

TOM & BECKY



### Deaf Ministry Updates

In the first two months of the year, we strengthened new Deaf Ministries in our region of the Philippines. We had two Deaf baptized and one received the Holy Ghost. Additionally, there was the novel experience of traveling between islands via ferry.

In the second week of January, we flew to Masbate to work with churches introduced to Deaf Evangelism Ministries (DEM) in November. We encouraged Ruby as she interacted with the Deaf community, taught FSL lessons online and in person, and interpreted church services. On the first day, we met with our Deaf friends and church members involved in DEM.



Saturday morning, we attended the Masbate District Ministers meeting to discuss DEM.

## Masbate Trip



On Sunday, we joined three services. Becky interpreted for the Deaf baptized in November, with some youth assisting with worship songs.

In the afternoon, Tom preached in Masbate City, while Becky accompanied Ruby to the UPC in Aroroy, near Aaron's home, who was the first Deaf baptized in the district.

Aaron struggles to communicate with his family. Ruby is helping him bridge this gap and connect his family with the church in Aroroy.



We distributed clothes donated by friends in America. The women in our home church in Lapu Lapu and the Deaf and interpreters in Masbate appreciated receiving these items.



## First Ferry Ride

On Monday, January 13, our flight back to Cebu was cancelled. We were informed that the flight was rescheduled for January 29. To avoid waiting 16 days, we looked for another way to return home. A 2 ½ hour bus ride took us to our first ferry ride, which was a 15-hour journey from Masbate to Cebu.





## Growth and Baptisms in Cebu's Deaf Ministry

We continued our work with the Deaf Ministry in Cebu City, assisted by two teenage interpreters from Mt. Zion UPC (Lapu Lapu). In January, we celebrated their Thanksgiving service, and Ellyla was baptized after the service.

The Deaf Ministry in Danao, Cebu is growing. They baptized Renz in February. We attended a service there with 9 Deaf members present.



Rey and Gaylene, Becky's brother and our sister-in-law, visited us in February. Rey was invited to speak at Mt. Zion. During that service, a Deaf man named Joseph received the Holy Ghost.



Later that afternoon, Rey and Gaylene participated in our children's outreach program. Over 100 children attended. After the Bible story, they were given Jollibee chicken and homemade ice cream.



Regrettably, three of our church families lost their homes to a fire on March 11. A total of 17 homes were destroyed. The girl in white in the picture, along with her sister, leads the Deaf Ministry at Mt. Zion and assists us as interpreters in Cebu City.



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