



# Travis Lewis Family

## Missionaries

### in the Philippines since 2004

Dear Praying Friends and Supporting Churches,

We want to thank each one of you for your faithful support and prayers over the last 15 years as missionaries. Your investment in the mission work in Cebu City continues to bear fruit through North Cebu Baptist Church, Lighthouse Baptist College, and Commonground Baptist Camp.

As many of you know, my wife has fought health issues for the last few years. In our January letter, we informed you of our decision to take a furlough until November to work on her health issues and other family matters. From January till March, during this furlough, I spent 5 of those weeks in the Philippines taking care of our work. As I write this letter, my wife, Victoria, and I are currently in the Philippines putting together our 7<sup>th</sup> Independent Baptist Youth Camp. We are looking forward to a great year at camp and are praying for many decisions to be made. We will be here in the Philippines for most of the month of May.

It has become apparent to us that as of now, we cannot continue full-time in the Philippines as missionaries. We have prayed and sought counsel, and believe that, for right now, we need to be in the states for an extended amount of time. So, as of June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, we will be resigning as missionaries. BIMi and our new sending church, Faith Bible Baptist Church in Eden, New York, will handle our support for three months during this transition time.

On Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, we will nationalize the church in the Philippines. Pastor Elbern Ballos, trained in our Bible college, will become the full-time Pastor of North Cebu Baptist Church. The work of church planting through the Bible College and the Camp ministry will continue on through Chris and Elizabeth Baran, our partners in the ministry for the last four years. While the church is self-supporting, the college and camp ministry still need assistance. If you would like to continue to invest in the ministry, you can find out more about the Baran family at [www.fbbc.com/chrisbaran](http://www.fbbc.com/chrisbaran)

Once again, we would like to thank each one of you for investing in our family and in the work in the Philippines. We appreciate the partnership that we had with each church and each individual over the course of our time as missionaries.

*Travis Lewis*

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