



# Jonathan & Marlyn Indino

## MISSIONARIES TO THE PHILIPPINES



### September 2018 Update

Greetings in Christ's Wonderful Name!

This past month has been a very good month and God has blessed and allowed us to be a blessing to several people around us.

#### ***FAMILY UPDATE***

My health has been improving and by being conscious of my own limitations it has allowed us to avoid the same problems that caused the scare from a couple of months ago.

Marlyn's pregnancy, though a risky one following our miscarriage from last year, has been good so far. The baby's size and health has not shown any signs to worry about. Marlyn still has a lot more discomfort than her previous pregnancies and she's been advised to spend as much of her time as possible in bed.

The schedule of the delivery will be from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September and a maximum October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The kids are full of energy and a morale booster! Just a few days ago during a school activity they both got cited for having great grades in their respective classes. Proud moment for us.



#### ***MINISTRY UPDATES***

This month we have been asked to step up to the role of Field Representatives for the Philippines. This is a huge privilege and we look forward to the work it entails. In the following months after the delivery, we'll be scheduling visits to the different missionaries' locations and ministries here in the Philippines to see the work they are doing and find ways we can help. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring to light all the good that they are doing for God's glory.

I am currently teaching at a local private school in a part-time and close to a volunteering position. I teach two 11<sup>th</sup> grade classes with a combined total of almost 100 students the subject of "Introduction to World Religion and Belief Systems". This is an amazing opportunity since this is a sectarian school who do not usually hire religion teachers from outside their faith.

Knowing the Principal and being assigned to the Indonesian Christian Congregation last year opened this door to us. The chance to be the one to introduce religion and the Christian faith to these young people in the perfect stage of their lives to make a decision of faith is precious.

One of my Muslim students approached me after we discussed a portion of the topic on the Protestant Movement and asked me: "Is Islam a religion of violence?" This question was a very heavy question as it comes with a lot of luggage and being a teacher, I had to be careful on how I answered it.

We spoke privately with some of her other classmates and I discussed briefly about the history of Islam and how it started and shared a core difference between the god of Islam and our God. This opened her mind to the redemptive and proactive nature of God's plan and love towards us. We'll speak again in the next few weeks. Please include her in your prayers.



We have also identified a struggling student who's been selling home cooked snacks to her classmates to pay her tuition and school expenses. This touched us, and we decided to help her with her tuition and

allowance, so she could focus a bit more in her studies than in how to pay for it and how to make it to school every morning. Her monthly tuition and expenses are around \$100.

#### ***PRAYER ITEMS***

- We're expected to start a new Bible Class at a local Grace Church tackling advance topics for those who have finished their Bible Teacher's Class.
- Marlyn's delivery is expected to be within September. Please pray for her health and the baby's.
- Our ministry in the Senior High School and possible ministries that might flourish from this one.