

The Henderson Family

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Sending the Gospel Light for Salvation

Acts 13:47, "For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth."



"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8

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Praises:

- **God's protection and answers to our prayers to move the storm**
- **Great doors opening with neighbors**
- **Bible Club visitors**
- **Revis and Regoice are settled in Nebraska**

Prayer Requests:

- **Joe Sanchez family**
- **Rine's Family**
- **Else Family**
- **Nena Family**
- **Summer Luke 2:52 Children's Bible club**
- **God's provision and guidance for our ministry & our children**
- **Our church van will need replacing soon.**

The Storm

It is so great to see that, "He who sends the storm, steers the vessel." We were able to see God lead us in so many ways as the typhoon approached, hit, and then left the island. In the days before the storm, it was projected to be a super-typhoon and hit the southern part of the island the worst. Thank you to those that prayed with us that God would move the storm! The power was and continues to be disrupted in many places, internet service is still down on over half the island, and many families that lived in tin shacks have lost everything; but God protected the island from a direct hit by moving the eye north at the last minute, and bringing the winds down from a super typhoon to a category three. According to reports, no lives were lost due to the storm. Following the storm, we looked for and were given many opportunities to reach out to folks in our village and meet needs, but it was amazing to us that as much as we tried to be a blessing, God kept sending folks to bless us! We had a neighbor bring over a lot of frozen fish and a deer that he had in his freezer that as he said, "would ruin if we didn't take some." We were able to feed the church folks with a wonderful meal! A couple of days later we were trying to get some huge fallen limbs out of our tree and a different neighbor came over with his truck, tied the limb to it, pulled it down and hauled it down the road to the drop-off for us! These are neighbors that we have tried to build relationships with for years, and they are coming to us! One of them came to a service after the storm and has sent his young son back to church and to Bible club. Please pray as we continue to reach out to our closest neighbors. They are all Catholic and in need of Salvation!

Bible Club

We got a late start to Bible club this year with power being out until the third week in June, but the kids are excited to finally get it going! We had a high of 40 in attendance Friday night with fourteen first timers so far. There are five families represented by these visitors, and we are praying for doors into the parents of each. There are more children that have been invited and we ask that you would pray that their parents would allow them to attend.

Baptism

We had a baptism service for Etson and Maggie Nena the first of June. Revis has been discipling Etson since he led he and his wife to the Lord in February and wanted to see him baptized before he left island. We had a beautiful evening at the beach, but as you see, the water is not very deep...but they got all the way under!

Special Prayer Needed

Please bear with me as I share a special burden. I shared the excitement of Etson and Maggie being baptized this month. We met this family while out inviting to Bible club in May of 2022. Jessie, their oldest son, attended club and we did a follow up visit with the family to invite them to church. Etson attended with Jessie and a sister on Father's day 2022 for the first time. That evening the mother, Maggie, attended with the rest of the siblings. They have been faithful since then, even while we were gone for four months after the heart attack. When Revis returned in February of 2023, he had a opportunity to give Etson and Maggie a ride uptown. During that ride, Revis was able to share the full gospel with them again, and as Revis pulled over on the side of the road, both Etson and Maggie prayed to receive Christ as their Savior. Revis began doing Bible study with Etson and it has been awesome to watch them both grow. God even opened a door recently for Etson to begin working at the radio station where Revis previously worked.

For a little back story, their son, Jessie, was born with a hole in his heart. We knew of the situation as Tonja often takes Jessie to get his monthly shot and to pick up his medication. Following the typhoon, Jessie was unable to get his shot because there was no doctor available at the clinic. After three weeks, he was able to get a substitute medication prescribed and began taking that; however, he seemed to be very weak by this point. His dad finally took him in to the hospital on June 13th. I spent the afternoon of Father's day at the hospital with Etson and Jessie, and he seemed to be doing well and was hoping to be released by Tuesday June 20th. Monday the 19th he woke up with a severe headache. He told his mom it hurt really badly and he felt sick. Within moments, he had a seizure and never woke up again. He was taken for surgery to relieve pressure from his brain, but he was pronounced brain dead by Tuesday night. His heart quit on Wednesday evening. The best we can get from the doctors is that the lack of medicine caused his body to form multiple clots in various places. With the medication in the hospital, these clots began to dissolve and Jessie was bleeding internally, but they didn't know it. The funeral was here at the house/church this past Friday morning. Please pray for the family. Pray for the folks that attended the services that God's word would continue to work in their hearts. Pray that we continue to have wisdom in dealing with this spiritually and physically young family as they have said good-bye to their oldest child. They are expecting their fifth child in just a couple of weeks.

Family

Of course the highlight for all the family lately has been the wedding of Revis and Regoice. As the storm approached just days before the wedding, many prayers were going up! To God be the Glory, the wedding went on as scheduled. Thankfully Harvest Baptist had a generator and their water supply was never affected. The reception was cancelled as the beachfront venue was destroyed in the storm, there was no cake since the bakery was still closed without power, and the photographer, that was off island but set to arrive the day of the storm, didn't make it to island; but the wedding was wonderful! Definitely one to remember!

On an amazing positive side, all of our children except Jesse were able to be here for the wedding and the typhoon! It was a fun, challenging time for all of us! Most of the kids slept outside each night and all of us tried sleeping on the roof at least once searching for a breeze, but after several nights of having to jump down quickly due to the pouring rain, we went to under the carport. We did laundry the old fashioned way by dipping the clothes in a old broken washing machine filled with soapy water, and then rinsing in a can and hanging them to dry! We cooked on butane burners or open fire. We even experienced showering in the natural pools. Revis and Regoice left on June 13th for Nebraska. They have settled into their apartment overlooking the Missouri River. Revis joined Sioux City Baptist Church this past Sunday and he and Regoice will be leading the teen Sunday school class. They were able to purchase a car this week, and Revis found a job with a construction company where he will be doing plumbing and electrical work.

Jesse and Andrew are doing well in NY. They are expecting their second child in September and we are excited that Reagan is going to be able to go stay with them for a month to help out when the baby comes.

Bill continues to do well since our return. He has had no major issues. We are looking to schedule an appointment this week to get in to a doctor for a referral to a cardiologist. Thank you for all that continue to pray for him. Pray specifically for strength and endurance as both are needed to deal with the heat.