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DR JASTRAM'S CALL

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Preparing to Serve



Dan teaching 2nd-year seminarians at the Lutheran Theological Seminary and Training Center in Baguio, Philippines.

Dan traveled to the Philippines this January to teach 2nd and 4th-year seminarians during a scheduled absence of their regular professor, LCMS Missionary Roger James. What a pleasure to prepare for and teach some of his favorite classes as well as to worship with and hear stories of the seminarians. Read on and you can “hear” one of those stories, too.

FROM SEA TO LAND

A number of years ago, while Jonas was in the capital city of the Philippines in preparation to become a sailor, an earthquake hit his hometown. Upon hearing about the destruction and devastation, he rushed back to help in rescue and recovery efforts.

In the meantime, our church body through LCMS World Relief as well as LWML sent funds to our sister church to

aid the effort. When Jonas brought supplies that had been purchased with these funds to his home church families in desperate need, they often wept and hugged him. Their gratitude profoundly affected Jonas. “I was only a servant of God; He was providing for my people through me.” Could he continue serving God’s people in other ways? One of his friends was preparing to leave for the seminary in Baguio that month. “Come with me!” he urged him. Jonas changed course, from sailor to seminarian.

Now Jonas is in his last year of classes, eager looking forward to graduation this spring so that he may continue serving the church and its members with the eternal gifts of Word and Sacrament. It has been a privilege for Dan and Missionary Roger James to prepare him for this task. (Even this was made possible because of your support.)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- God's blessing in providing future pastors for our partner church bodies.
- Safety and protection in the midst of earthquakes, typhoons, and tsunamis.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Missionary safe travels.
- Concord in doctrine and practice as we work with various partner church bodies.
- God's blessings of His clear teaching as witnessed in our Catechism.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- You! The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage us and support us. Thank you!

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God's Love Transforms



For love, not for a temp agency!
(Panagbenga Park, Baguio,
Philippines)



Blessing the children during Sunday
worship. (St Stephen Lutheran Church,
Baguio Philippines)

LOSING ONE'S HEAD IN LOVE

"Is that what I think it is?" I asked Amy James, a fellow missionary's wife, with a shudder. "Yes," she replied. "When a tribesman from that region wanted to marry, he had to first present the woman's family with the head of a man from another tribe to prove his worth." When they heard God's Word and His love for them, this practice ceased. Fortunately, nobody literally loses their head because of love in Baguio anymore!

EXTENDING GOD'S LOVE TODAY

We witnessed God's love in action when Pastor Felipe bestowed a blessing on twenty-plus children's heads before we adults received Communion. We were grateful to worship with other fellow believers in peace and harmony. Even though the Lutheran congregation members were from different regions and spoke several different dialects, all were united in the one true faith.

In the words of St Paul, our prayer for the church at home, the church abroad, and for the Church Universal: "What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 1:13

- Daniel and Joan Jastram



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