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Dear Prayer supporters,

James said, "My friends consider yourselves fortunate when all kinds of trials come your way, for you know that when your faith succeeds in facing such trials, the result is the ability to endure." This is the one thing that we are trying to learn during this time. We have been experiencing some severe trials in relations with fellow missionaries sometimes to the point of giving up the ministry. We just want to ask you to pray for us that we will endure these trials with joy and faith.

### **The Badjao Situation**

The living conditions of the Badjao still have to be improved after the fire. Most of them still live on the road in very poor shanties, others have moved back on the water, some with even poorer shanties but still better and cleaner conditions. We have had several meetings with the government regarding the Badjao situation the last month. One of the new developments is that the government has appointed a new person to fulltime oversee and manage the project. For me that mean that the government is committed to implement the relocation of the Badjao to Tongo Island. I am also part of the steering committee that will meet every Tuesday regarding the relocation of the Badjao. Two prayer points here: we still need to convince the counselors of the Gordova Town that moving the Badjao to their town is a good thing. Secondly we need to pray that God will bring us in contact with the right resources that will help fund this whole project since our City does not have all the money for the project themselves.

### **Cebu Church**

We have built a temporary church back in the community and have moved our worship out from underneath the bridge. The mud during the rainy season made it no longer possible for us to worship underneath the bridge. The people are quite happy about the new church although some people have a more difficult time now to come to church.

We also just finished our 5<sup>th</sup> Lay Leader training seminar for this year. We had 12 lay leaders and assistant pastors from 3 churches were attending the seminar and it went quite well. The last seminar will be held during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December. Also our Annual church camp is nearing very soon. We are planning to hold it during December 19-22. Pray for the success and the finances for this camp also.

### **Badjao Mango Farm.**

After many battles regarding the land we are now starting the actual preparation for farming. We just finished the fencing of the land and now we are starting to prepare the land. Since the land is rather hilly we are working on making the contour lines that will help prevent water erosion of the top soil, a very big problem in the tropics. We are making use of a water buffalo to plow the land. This is a very slow process and the water buffalo needs to take a bath or cool of in water every hour or so. Pray with us that God will provide a tractor for us to help work the land. Also we still do not have water, please

pray with us that we will be able to find water soon because with out it is very hard to have a good farm. Pray also for our Badjao people that are working on the farm. Some already gave up because it is to hard, but some of the others do very well and are very faithful.

### **Prayer Requests**

1. Pray that God will change the heart of counselors of Gordova Town that they will accept that moving the Badjao to their town is a good thing.
2. Pray that God will bring us in contact with the right resources that will help fund this whole project.
3. Pray for next Lay Leader training to be held from Dec 12 ?16. Pray especially that the Holy spirit will do a deep conviction in the hearts of these people.
4. Pray for our combined church camp with three different Badjao churches from Dec 19 ?22.
5. Pray also that we will soon find water on the farm.

God Bless

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new church building



caribou plowing future mango farm