



OUR FUTURE HOME  
(WE ARE PRAYING)



THE STUDENTS LOVED  
PASTOR JEFF

## JULY/AUGUST 2017

### Ministry Trip Success

Deputation is not always exciting. Sometimes filling a newsletter can be difficult. This is not one of those cases.

In July, we had the opportunity to take our sending pastor, his wife, and daughter to Cebu for a week of learning, exploring, and vision casting. Of course, we also took a little time to enjoy some of the natural wonders of the Philippines, also. It was our first time organizing a mission trip, and if I do say so myself, it was a resounding success.

After approximately 40 hours of flights and layovers, we landed in Cebu, picked up our rental car, and checked in to our hotel. That night, we introduced our church family to our Philippine family. Jezel's father was so impressed, that he got Jeff to preach at their family's church that Sunday.

We took some time that week to explore the area where we hope to launch our ministry. We were all pretty jet lagged, so we didn't stay out as late as we



“Iron sharpens iron,  
and one man sharpens another.”

Proverbs 27:17



had hoped. We also visited the school where we plan to enroll our children next year. Pastor Jeff was a hit with the students. Finally, we managed to view some housing options at the end of the week. Traffic in Metro Cebu has risen exponentially in the last few years, so we had to look in areas we had not previously set our focus. Right at the end, we found a house that we really liked. The owner has even agreed to hold on to it for us. Unexpectedly, it will also give us a whole new ministry opportunity!

Please be in prayer that we will be able to get the finances needed to move forward with this house, the kids' school, and multiple ministry opportunities.