

**CALM PHILIPPINES USA NEWSLETTER**  
**Caring And Loving Mission**  
**January 31, 2025**

**Joey Parejo**

We are very sorry to report that Joey Parejo passed away on January 11. Joey was the pastor of Guimaras Church of Christ and the secretary of the CALM Philippines board. He leaves behind a wife, two young children, and a dedicated congregation. One of the students from Iloilo Bible Seminary may take over his preaching duties for the time being. Juanito Magbanua will be officiating at Joey's funeral on February 2.



*Joey and Family*

**Leadership Meeting**

The Panay Island Churches of Christ sponsored a church growth seminar and leadership training at the Taft North Church of Christ on January 16 – 18. Leaders from seventeen churches, the students and faculty from Iloilo Bible Seminary, and others attended. Attendance was about 55 during the day and 75 in the evenings. The sessions were taught by Juanito and three of his classmates from his Masters program at Manila Bible Seminary.

**Blessings in Bay-ang**

Juanito made the four and a half hour bus trip to Bay-ang in Aklan province to hold a special Bible study for a man interested in a relationship with Jesus. The result was two baptisms in the ocean later in the day. The total travel time to and from Bay-ang was nine hours, which was definitely worth the investment. However, that could have been cut to seven hours if he did not have to rely on public transportation. Often, the extra time required for transportation is even more significant.



## Medical Mission

CALM Philippines held a successful medical mission at the Kalibo Christian Church in Aklan province. 113 patients ranging from 2 months to 103 years old received medical screening, medication where needed, and a presentation of the gospel. Approximately 40 children were provided a nutritious meal and a Bible story. The vice-mayor of Kalibo, who is a pediatrician participated in the mission for part of the day. Some of the students from Iloilo Bible Seminary led the Bible stories for the children and lectured the waiting patients outside the church.

Reyz Miravalles, the church pastor, reported that seven new people who had been to the mission attended worship at Kalibo Christian Church the next day. He was very excited that he made many contacts at the mission with whom he could follow up in their homes. He was able to meet with some of them the next week.

## Wheels for Juanito

The CALM board of directors has decided to collect funds to purchase a vehicle for Juanito and the CALM ministry. A generous donor has offered to match gifts up to \$7,500. Our own transportation will be a big advantage to the ministry by cutting travel time and expanding our reach. Please prayerfully consider a donation to help us reach our goal and share this opportunity to have a big impact on the kingdom with others. More details can be found on our website.

## Pray for

- Enough money to purchase a vehicle soon.
- CALM Philippines and the churches they serve.
- The monthly medical missions. The next one is in Roxas City on Feb. 22.
- Iloilo Bible Seminary, they are in need of textbooks and supplies. Pray for the students as they prepare to serve and lead the churches.
- The churches that need to build a larger place to meet.

## How you can help

- Tell your friends about CALM Philippines.
- Visit us on our website and on our [Facebook](#) page.
- Instructions on how to give to CALM can be found on [calmphilippinesusa.net/Give](https://calmphilippinesusa.net/Give).
- If you would like to have someone talk to your church or organization about CALM, please send us an email at [calm.ph.usa@gmail.com](mailto:calm.ph.usa@gmail.com).

