



# Scott Christiansen Team Philippines



*“Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations,  
and declare it in the isles afar off....”* Jeremiah 31:10

December 2025 – January 2026

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

*“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.”* (Psalm 103:2) As we have ended 2025 and launched into 2026, we wish to bless the Lord for the benefits of souls reached and lives changed.

During early December, our college chorale and orchestra members went out several evenings on our city’s boulevard to sing traditional Christmas hymns and witness to those who watched. Scores were saved. We followed up with a “Friend Sunday” on December 7 and saw many first-time visitors.

We had a Christmas play, *The Poorest Family in Town*, with music and an evangelistic message on December 19 and 21. Those involved did a great job, and the real meaning of Christmas was proclaimed. On December 21, our college graduate, Bro. Nelson Duran, had the first public service of the church he planted, International Baptist Church of Dauin. He has a core group of those he has won to Christ and taught to be soul winners. He is off to a great start!



First service of IBC Dauin on December 21, 2025

As usual, we had a Watch Night Service on New Year’s Eve with a lot of singing and testimonies; Pastor DeMoville challenged everyone to continue being faithful in 2026. We ended 2025 with over 8,300 saved, 535 public professions in our services, and 190 baptized. We have had a great start so far this year with 1,121 saved, 189 public professions, and 109 baptized. Amen!



A full auditorium to celebrate 15 years of God’s faithfulness to IBCD

January was very busy as we prepared to celebrate our church’s 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with two “big Sundays” on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. With much prayer and hard work, God blessed with 791 present on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 800 on the 25<sup>th</sup>. During these Sundays, we rejoiced to see 240 saved in the services and 74 baptized. We were honored to have Pastor Sheldon Schearer and his group from Montana and Pastor & Mrs. John Wilkerson from our sending church in Hammond, Indiana, also bringing some members. They were involved with our people in soul winning and encouraging them to attempt great things for God with their lives. Our people loved our visitors, and I believe it was reciprocal!

On the home front, my son Caleb and his family were finally able to return to their missionary work in Nigeria after many struggles with visas. Also, I am looking forward in mid-February to a visit by my son Micah, his wife Abbie, and their 4 children. They are traveling from Ghana, West Africa, and will be staying for almost a month. Since we are both missionaries, we have not seen each other in almost 10 years! It will be my first time seeing his children face to face, and I plan to spoil them! I am proud of my children as they serve our Saviour around the world.

With all that is happening in the world, 2026 could be the year our Lord returns. May we all be busy and found faithful when Jesus comes for us. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support that have made all these blessings possible.

God bless you all,

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