

team PHILIPPINES

September 2026

Dear Praying Friends,

Since our last update, a whirlwind of activity has taken place in our lives, while the work in Dumaguete continues to move forward and grow.

In August, our Bible college started back up. Each year, we start with an orientation week and conclude the week with a cookout at our home with all students and staff. This year we had, in addition to them, a visiting group led by Bro. Mark Bosje of FBMI. The group of nine was a blessing to our church, and I trust we were to them also as they got to experience the ministry here.

The day after the group departed, my wife and I also left Dumaguete to head to America for our son's wedding to Leah Markowski. Prior to the wedding, we took a trip up to Washington, Iowa, and spent the weekend with the great people of Marion Avenue Baptist Church. I was encouraged to spend time with Pastor Joe Brown and was able to lead a woman to Christ at her door as he and I visited a rural area. The fellowship was sweet as they prepared to have their Missions Conference later that week.

The wedding of Christian and Leah was beautiful, and we are so happy and blessed that young people can do it right. We are also excited for them as they do deputation together to come join us here in the Philippines. Please pray for them, and consider taking them on as missionaries.

My wife and I took advantage of our being alone to make a detour on our way back to the Philippines. We were able to visit both Venice and Rome, Italy, before stopping in Qatar, where we were able to be in five different churches in two days. It is incredible what the Lord is doing through His servants there.

Upon arriving in the Philippines, we proceeded to Davao, instead of Dumaguete, to partake in a Singles' Camp. I preached on Sunday and then twice at the camp on the topic of "dating." What a blessing it was to find young people hungry to listen and learn a more perfect way to date. We were also blessed by the preaching of Pastor Kerry Nance and others who were part of this event.

I arrived back in Dumaguete that Wednesday evening just in time to conduct our midweek Bible study. I thank God for the faithful members of International Baptist Church in Dumaguete, who didn't skip a beat in our three-week absence. It's great to be back, as we are now in our Missions Month and preparing for our upcoming Missions Conference, September 23-27, with the theme "Advance on Every Front."

Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide for us a land and building, as we are outgrowing this place our church has met for the past nearly 16 years. I'm praying to start 4 new Sunday school classes this coming year, and we are searching for places to hold them.

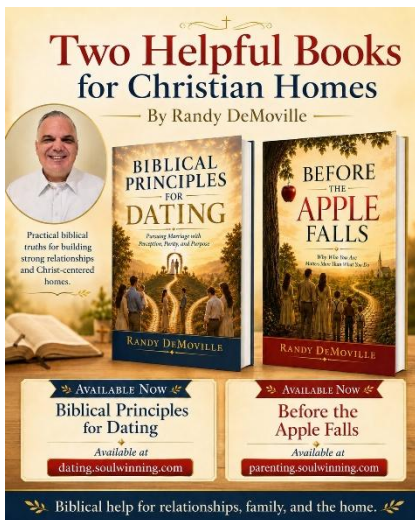
Souls continue to be saved, baptized, and discipled as we press on. Thank you for your prayer and support that, along with God's grace, allow the work to thrive here. We pray you can visit us at some time and see it firsthand.

I've written two books that are now available: one on the topic of Christian Dating and another on Parenting. I believe you would find both of these a tremendous help to those in your ministry. They are available at dating.soulwinning.com and parenting.soulwinning.com.

We thank God for you,

Randy DeMerville





Books on Parenting and Dating



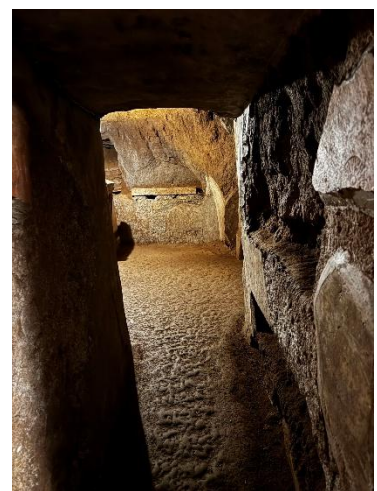
With my best friend in Venice, Italy



Visitors soul winning at the Boulevard



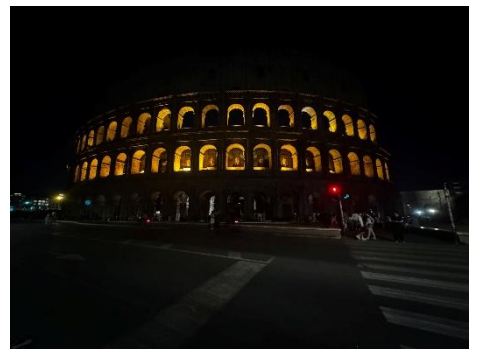
*Christian & Leah DeMerville
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Catacombs in Italy



Mamertine Prison in Rome



Colosseum in Rome



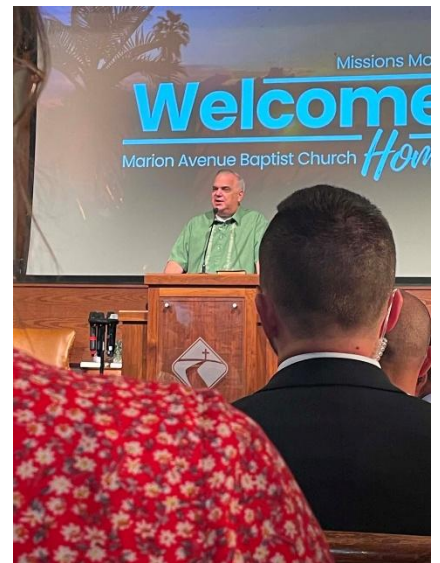
Brittany and Delaney were part of the wedding party.



Got to be with Allyson and the grandkids at the wedding



Teaching Sunday School at Marion Avenue Baptist Church



Preaching at Marion Avenue Baptist Church



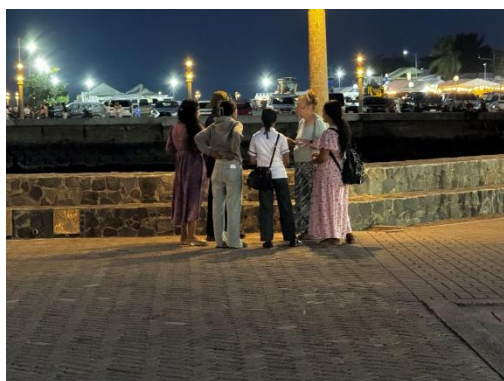
Great men of our church bringing me a coffee and singing Happy Birthday before we left for the States



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Bro. & Mrs. Bosje at Red Rock Falls