

Cebu City, Philippines, Send the Light Mission, Summer, 2024



Hillcrest Church of Christ sent Kevin and Christina Batten, Steve and Marsha Ridgell, Janiece Watts, and Odies and Kathie Wright to join in the mission of Caleb and Vanessa Callari in Cebu City, Philippines.



The team prayerfully explored the city, learning from the Callaris about the local culture, and discussing both challenges and open doors.



An outreach organized by the Callaris was to be held at a local hotel.



Many came to learn.



The people were engaged in the teaching and began new relationships.



The local churches also enjoyed learning from the team as people gathered on a high-rise open veranda for worship.



Women enjoyed learning about living as people of faith who hold firm in the storm and pass on the way of Christ to their community of friends, family, and children.



Children also eagerly learned and enthusiastically shared their discoveries with their parents who were inspired to produce a strong children's ministry.



The team worshipped with the local house church, encouraging those who had committed to Christ as well as those who felt the desire for baptism and yet were counting the high cost in the culture.



Connecting over shared meals facilitated deep conversation and renewal.



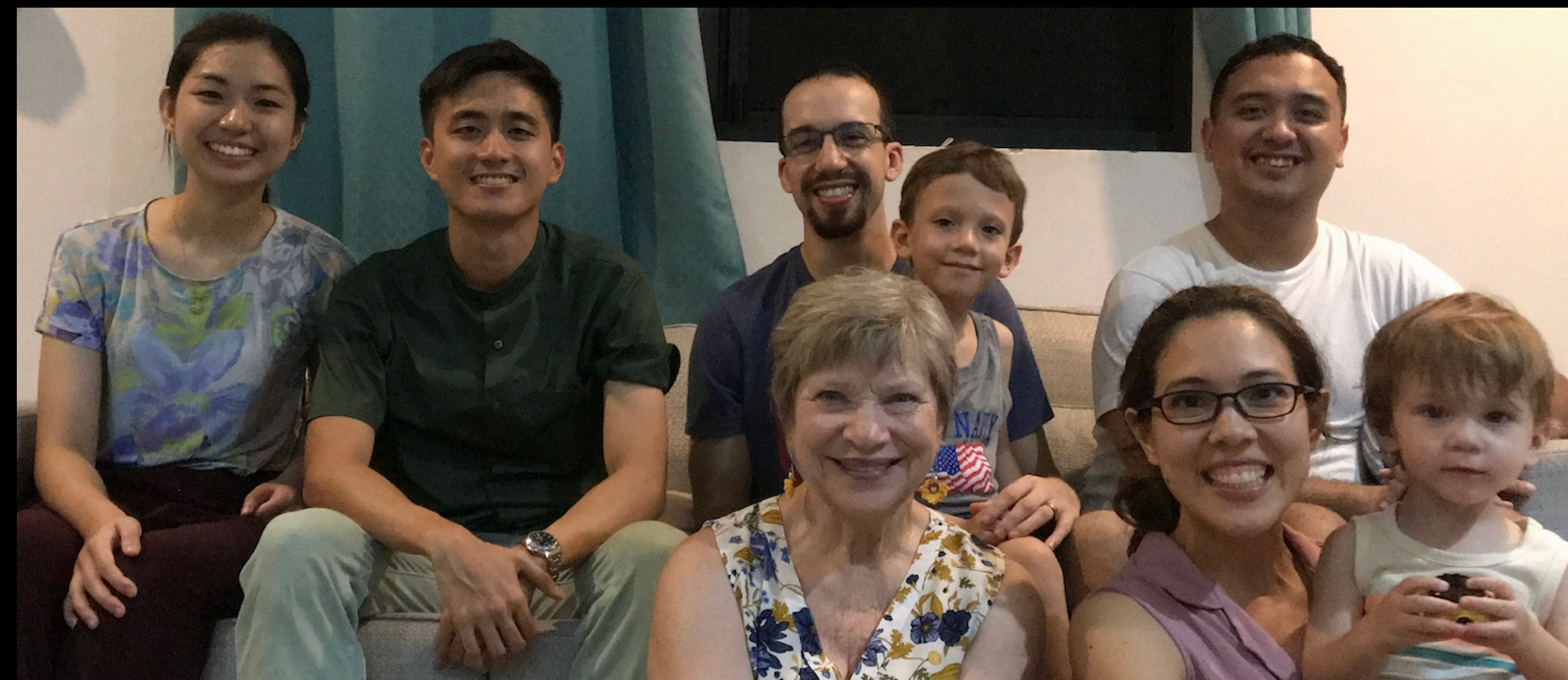
The men also joined Caleb in ministering at the local jail.



Bonds of mutual love, admiration, and mentoring grew as all were encouraged.



Vanessa and Janiece had some extended time to continue to teach women and organize materials for the church to use in teaching the children.



The team left Cebu excited to have been a part of the Lord's work with Caleb and Vanessa building bridges to the community through events, relationships, and teaching, as the church expands. After the mission visit, two who had been contemplating baptism, did follow through.



Hillcrest Church of Christ continues to partner with the Callari's in Cebu City, Philippines through financial support, continued mutually-inspiring Callari-team conversations, and the prayer support of the faithful Hillcrest-Philippines prayer team.



Thank you, Hillcrest, for sending the light to bless the mission and people of Cebu City, Philippines.

