

# DAVE & MARGIE STAFFORD

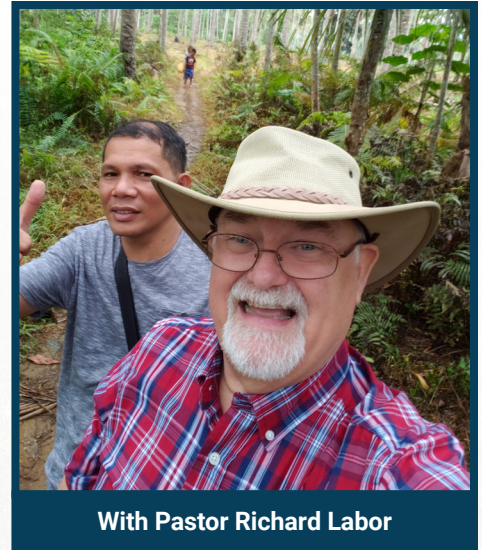
SERVING IN THE PHILIPPINES



JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2024

As we say hello to 2024, Margie and I celebrate 21 years of the Lord bringing us to the USA, and now at the same time we celebrate, and embrace, His moving us into the next destination of our lives, the Philippines. Who would have known, only God!

I retired from my work just before Thanksgiving and have been super busy in all that's needed to prepare for our soon departure to Philippine Islands. Condensing 35 years of our lives into 2 feet tall boxes has been a herculean task, especially as there has only myself been able to decide what goes, or not, and then the sorting and sizing and packing process...I'm worn out!! My dear friends Tim Pyle and Paul Winters lent their muscle and vehicles to carry these very heavy boxes downstairs (we live on the top floor of the apartment block) and transport them to the local office of the shipping agent. By the time you read this we would've transported 25 boxes, all our worldly goods! We should start to meet up with them starting in March and progressively through until May. Please pray they all arrive in the same condition as they left us!



With Pastor Richard Labor

We had given our apartment complex 60 days' notice, which means we'll close the door on January 31st. God has provided dear friends to host us and deliver us to Pensacola airport, I think to make sure we leave!! (Joking!) But thank you in advance Mike and Sierra Wogsland. How significant it became as the Lord provided flights so close to this lease ending date. That departure date is Sunday 4th February, arriving in Manila at lunchtime on Tuesday 6th February. Seat availability was almost nonexistent through February and prices were sky high. But God made a way, and the Delta agent was extremely helpful in hunting down and securing these seats.

Within a day or two of our arrival in Manila, we will meet our visa processing agent, Mary Rose, who will walk us through the form signing and the visa process, culminating in handing our visa application and passports and a wodge of cash over. And then wait! We wait for around 6-8 weeks to hear the outcome of our application. Which will require a trip back to Manila to pick up the passports and, God willing, entry visas! Please be in prayer for a successful, God inspired, outcome.



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Preparing to leave Pensacola has been an emotional rollercoaster. We arrived under the guidance of the Holy Spirit on January 3rd, 2003, expecting to stay maybe 4 years, not knowing that we'd be kept on assignment for 21 years. Incredible and still hard to believe. Leaving is hard, not because of the place but because of the relationships that the Lord forged with so many wonderful Godly friends. Thank you to everyone reading this because you are part of what makes leaving so difficult. You are part of God shaping our hearts and lives and part of that great crowd of witnesses who have encouraged, supported, and encouraged us since 2018, and for some dear friends much longer than that.

At the time of writing, mid-January, we have a number of ministry needs. We still don't have a place to rent in Mindanao. We have scouts





on the ground searching places out. Thus, we are looking for the Lord to highlight the right place in the right location- it being beautiful for situation like Zion! We still need to raise funds. Our transitional budget was \$30K and we're short by \$14K, so a little over halfway funded. In terms of our monthly budget for 2024, again we are sitting at around 50% funded based on \$5K a month. Please ask the Lord how you can help fund us being in the Philippines to accomplish God's will and purpose for our lives and advancing His Kingdom. We are willing to go, will you send us? All and any donations will be greatly appreciated, especially monthly budgeted amounts. We are all in this together and that's why you are part of this ministry, it's an us thing, not a Dave and Margie only thing. Please send all donations directly to Globe International and mark it for the Staffords.

Our partners in Mindanao are super excited at the news of our relocation. God's new adventure for the Staffords is underway and we look forward to updating you with God's provision and lovingkindness. I have to admit that it's not an easy thing to do, uproot and move to the other side of the world...BUT GOD! Please pray we are strengthened in the inner man, and more especially for Margie's physical and emotional welfare.

We love you all, please stay in touch  
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*- Dave & Margie Stafford*



Boxes of supplies arriving at Consuelo Elementary School.



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