

Pat & Cindy Viray  
**Calvary Chapel Masantol**

# Philippines

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**It's Fiesta Time in Masantol!** In our barrio of Santa Lucia Matua, decorations for the annual fiesta on December 13th have been in place for 2 months. Throughout the Philippines, each barrio and town has an annual religious fiesta day that includes a marching band, procession, and fireworks. It's also a day of feasting with relatives who come from far away to be together. Besides Christmas, December 13th is the most important day in Santa Lucia Matua. It's also a time of debt because many families will borrow over a hundred dollars to have a feast in their homes. Our street will be full



**Ptr. Pat and Daryl practicing evangelism role playing at Friday Youth Night.**

of vendors, kids running through the streets with toys, and it will be very loud with the fireworks (many illegal and dangerous) until late at night. Unfortunately, there is also a lot of drinking and gambling, which often leads to drunkenness and fighting. Christian families do not participate in the religious aspects of the festival but do enjoy the family reunion time.

**Christmas at Calvary Chapel Masantol.** The women will have a Christmas fellowship time on Wednesday Dec 17, and the youth Christmas party is on Dec 19. They had fun decorating the chapel and tree and are practicing for the annual Christmas play, which will be performed on Saturday Dec 20 at the children's ministry and at the Dec 21 Sunday service. We look forward to the annual church Christmas potluck and fellowship afterward. On Dec 23, we plan to go Christmas caroling through our barrio.

**Praise Reports!** –As part of the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) team, we again helped *share the gospel to 2,500 children* in public elementary schools in the nearby town of Macabebe, and continue with the Friday morning 6<sup>th</sup> graders Values Education class. –We thank God for Jane doing well in her first semester of nursing college and receiving another *scholarship* from CC Masantol. –We always thank God for your love, prayers, and support.

**Prayer Requests:** --We pray for many people to repent and receive Jesus during this Christmas time. --Please pray for some of our youth who are being tempted by the world. –For safety during the upcoming fiesta, Christmas, and New Years. –For many families to attend the Dec 21 Sunday Christmas service to worship the Lord together and enjoy the play and potluck. –For God to bring a loyal assistant to help Pastor Pat with the growing ministry.

*“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given...”* ~Isaiah 9:6.

**God bless you with a Merry Christmas and Spirit-filled New Year!**

*God Bless you! Pat and Cindy*

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**Some of the youth girls and Cindy making Christmas snowflakes and decorations.**



**The group of 20 youth with chaperones at swimming resort to celebrate memorizing 20 Bible verses.**



**Youth making Christmas ornaments and decorations.**