

Grace *Missions* Family



The Palawano people in the Philippines live in a remote village in the mountains of the island of Palawan. They are considered an 'unreached' tribe as they have had no opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus Christ in their own language, no Bible in their language and no Christians living amongst them until recently. NTM Missionaries have been working in this tribe now for several years, many of you will have met Elise who has visited our church. They have been learning the language and studying the culture of the people so that they might clearly communicate the Gospel in the very near future and God-willing see a new church born amongst the Palawano people.

Grace has decided to adopt the Palawano tribe and this could not have come at a more exciting time as the missionaries prepare to teach through the Bible for the very first time in the Palawano's own language. As part of 'adopting' the tribe we will journey with both the missionaries and the tribal people as the Gospel is shared and new Christians are discipled. We have also already had the opportunity to help practically by providing funds for medical needs & buildings and look forward to building an ongoing relationship with the people there and hopefully taking a team each year. As we get to know the people there, meet them face to face and understand their lives we will be inspired to pray for their needs & support them in whatever ways we can.

A Little About Palawan



Home of lofty mountains, rainforests and the world's longest underground river, Palawan is nestled between the island of Mindoro and North Bornea. Palawan is one of the largest islands and provinces of the Philippines and perhaps the most famous tourist island in the Philippines known for its beautiful beaches and scenery. It's an unforgettable place with the most beautiful people tucked in mountain places waiting to hear about their Saviour.

Grace Church's Role in the Tribe

Through our partnership with the work going on in the Palawano tribe, we have the unique opportunity to expose members of Grace Church to front line mission work. The Palawano people will be hearing the Gospel for the first time and our role will include:

- 1). Praying for the tribal people before and during the first time they hear God's Word in their own language.
- 2). Praying for the tribal people as, God-willing a new church is born and disciplined to maturity and many grow in their walk with God.
- 3). Praying for the missionaries in the many challenges of ministry amongst the Palawano.
- 4). Raising finances and financially supporting the work going on in the tribe, particularly in these early stages the medical and literacy work
- 5). Taking teams to visit the Palawano People annually, exposing Grace team members to long term missions and hopefully becoming a 'sending church' as some are inspired to become part of long term missions themselves
- 6). Through teams also being able to support the work through practical projects as needed
- 7). Journeying with the work in the tribe to the point where the Gospel carries on to neighbouring communities and tribes

