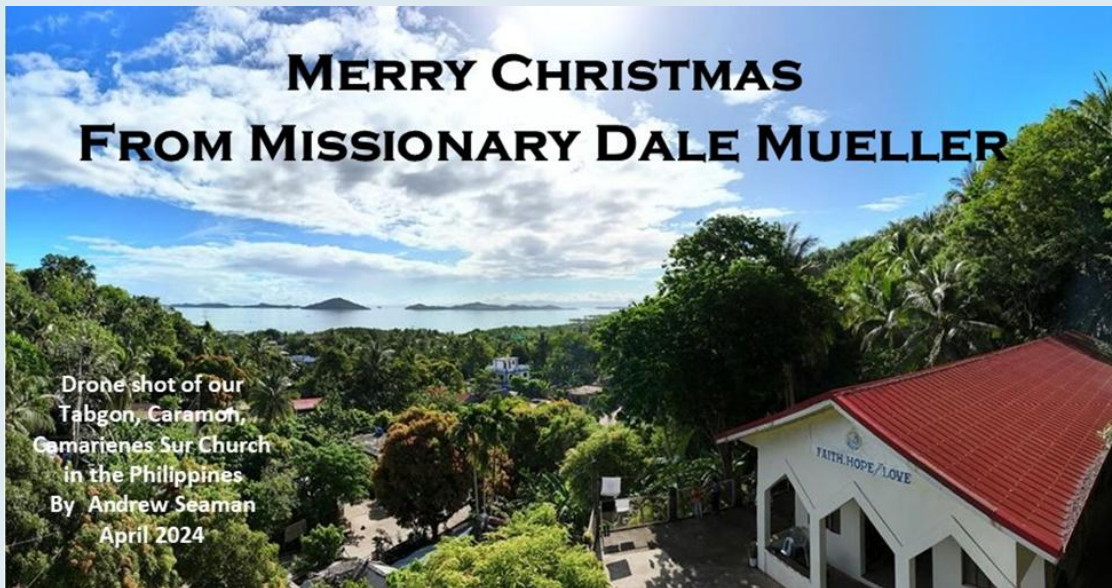


MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM MISSIONARY DALE MUELLER



Drone shot of our
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS
and HAPPY NEW YEAR**

DEAR FRIENDS,

I have been back in the Philippines since November 11. The church in Navotas City, where I stay, has been busy preparing for our annual Christmas Program and Meal, along with preparations for special Christmas events for our Children, Youth and Young Adult groups. Our provincial churches in Ragay and San Jose are doing their own versions of Christmas programs as well.

Our church in Caramoan, Camarines Sur decided that their Christmas will be directed towards giving and extending relief for the nearby communities and islands that suffered greatly because of multiple typhoons that hit them last month, especially the most recent Category 5. Praise God for their compassionate hearts to reach their neighbors in trouble. They put together relief packages of used clothing and grocery items. I plan to go there in January to see if there is further relief and reconstruction that we can participate in.



My goal to become a long-term temporary resident or permanent resident of the Philippines has encountered some new challenges. The Philippine Retirement Visa program has been suspended because a large number of Chinese businessmen took advantage of it. The other visa I was looking at has become popular, but has a quota. For now I will proceed with extending my visitor visa up to 2026. Meanwhile, I will keep looking at options. Also, my search for a place to live outside of the church together with Arnel Garcia's family has been frustrated by sky-rocketing real estate prices, due to the construction of a New Manila International Airport near to here. Suddenly, everything has commercial value. God will make a way.

One more setback to our next church building project: Our hope of finding a small piece of land near the government housing area in a far part of Navotas City in a place called Tanza fell through after the owner seems to have decided he did not want to do business with a church. All these little frustrations with our plans are just an opportunity for God to show us His bigger and better plan. We continue to pray. More on this in my next letter.

No matter what struggles we have, let us all celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with zeal. We have a whole new year ahead of us where Jesus will always be with us, guiding us through good and bad. Let us continue to fix our eyes upon Him.

Have a blessed 2025.

**IN CHRIST,
Dale**

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