

# MINISTRY UPDATES

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## YOUTH CAMP

By the grace of the Lord, I was able to minister to the High School students of Hosanna Christian Academy where my son, Josiah is presently studying on his 3rd year. This is a Christian School and majority of the Faculty and Staff is our friends. The topic that I've discussed was "Created for a Purpose." I've encouraged the Youth to draw near to God, to find their lives in the presence of the Lord and to cultivate their relationship to Him. Here are some of the photos:



## **WORLD MISSIONS COURSE GRADUATION DAY**

Every Saturday for 4 weeks, our Team (5 persons included me) mobilized and trained more than 20 pastors, church-planters and missionaries in Cavite province regarding Perspective on World Missions. This is one of the ways that we are doing to encourage the churches to send their own missionaries to the 10/40 Window Countries. In connection with this, we are trying our best to send non-traditional and self-supporting missionaries. We have a Team here which the main focus is to train English Teachers to reach the Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Tribal and Non-Religious Groups of Asia. One of my personal plans is to put up English Centers in Indonesia through the partnership of our Indonesian brethren. We will provide Teachers for this cause. Lord willing, I will go back to that country on September this year. Please pray for God's perfect will, time and resources to implement this plan. By the way, the photos below are our Graduation Day.



## **MINISTRY TIME IN TONDO, MANILA**

This is our first time to minister to the saints in Tondo, Manila. With me are my friend Bob and his friend Jeremiah. Tondo is well-known for being a notorious place where different gangs are residing. But we have not encountered them when we went to that place. Domingo is a friend who pastors the church. By the grace of the Lord, we will start this year some livelihood programs there to help them to feed their families and to propagate the Gospel of the Lord Jesus among the poor.



## **LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM IN CABANATUAN PROVINCE**

We went to this province and stayed for 2 days to promote the livelihood program of my friend Joel to the key selected leaders in different places. He also conducted a health seminar to spread our advocacy all over the country about HEART DISEASE FREE BY THE YEAR 2020. So far the response is quite encouraging. Since then, Joel decided to follow-up the brethren even if I cannot go with him because I also need to start some livelihood programs to help the saints in other places. My plan is to introduce to them how to make pressed flower cards in their own homes. There are two places in Manila and one in Cavite province that are waiting for us to start this project. Most of our contacts are group of pastors, church planters and missionaries who are praying and studying how to help the churches as well as their communities to improve the socio-economic life of the people.



## **BIBLE STUDY INSIDE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!**

I started to pray Luke 10:2 everyday since June last year. My desire is to start another home bible study under God's own direction and His own choosing. I am praying to the Lord every 10:02 in the morning to send His laborers and workers to His harvest field not only for my country but as well as those nations which are open to His calling. I'm doing this consistently up to the present by God's enabling grace. Suddenly to my big surprise, my Filipino friend who is now living outside the country emailed me after 10 years of not seeing him and he asked me if I'm willing to visit the parents of his friend who are living in the next town of our place. After reading his letter, I sensed that God is talking to me and says: "Eman, I am now answering your prayer, go to that couple because they are ready for harvest!" So I decided to visit them and I've found out that Nanay (mother) Ebeng and Tatay (father) Tasing are the leaders of the Catholic church in their barangay (barangay is the smaller unit of our society second to the family). This is my first time to encounter leaders like them and honestly speaking, I don't know what to do but He knows!

I seek the face of God what is the right approach to establish a good and working relationship with them. Then He reminded me of this verse on Matthew 10:16

*Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves:  
be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.*

We started a bible study in their house with only 3 persons (my self is included) after 2 meetings, we grew to more than 10. Almost every meeting people are coming to God, accepting Jesus as their Lord and Savior. In one meeting alone, 10 persons committed their lives to Him. And then one Sunday afternoon, which is our regular bible study, the group decided to hold it inside their church - which is the Catholic Church building! By the grace of the Lord Jesus, they accepted us (me and my wife) as their mentors to know Him, to grow in their faith and to become fruitful disciples of Christ. What we are praying regularly is that the Lord will raise faithful and fruitful leaders among that group so that they will reach their own people for the Heavenly Father. This journey is very exciting! Please keep on praying for us! We are just following His direction because He knows what is the best for His sheep. Our role is to help them to hear the voice of the Great Shepherd and to follow in His leading.

## **CANCELING SOME OF MY SCHEDULES**

### **ANTIQUE**

In my previous letter, I mentioned to you my plan of visiting again our brethren in Antique province for follow-up ministry and to buy additional native goats. I postponed it due to lack of funds but I saw it as God's perfect will because I need to go to the dentist for dental check-up. Oh boy he pulled my tooth!

### **MALAYSIA**

Although my new Malaysian friend is willing to give me US \$100 to encourage me to attend in their two conferences that is going to happen in Penang on April and at the same time to minister to the Filipinos in Kuala Lumpur, but I saw a great need for my family that needs to be taken care of immediately. There is a proverb which says "CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME." Because of those pressing needs, I decided to postpone this trip unless the Lord will intervene to reverse my plan.

## **OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE LORD**

Our partnership in God's Vineyard is very important. Let us continue to unite, to pray for one another and to use all His resources to accomplish the Great Commission in our generation. Thank God for your life! You are Christ's blessing to His brethren - especially to us! We are always asking the Father in Heaven to bless you holistically - body, soul and spirit for HIS glory alone!

*I must work the works of him that sent me,  
while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work*

- The Lord Jesus - (John 9:4)