



Christ for the Philippines Mission



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Hello in the Faithful and True Name of Jesus Christ the King of kings and Lord of lords. I find myself saying this more often than not, but the last few months have been exciting! As of our last report, we began looking for a piece of property for the mission church in Babatngon. We have scouted various properties in the area, some have been out of our price range and others that were in it, were not feasible for one reason or another. One thing that has been an interesting twist is that the property values in Babatngon have risen quite a bit because of all the resettlements and bulding that has gone on there since Typhoon Yolanda destroyed Tacloban City.

However, as of the writing of this newsletter, we have an offer in for a property whose asking price is about \$6,500. We offered about \$5,400, which is the upper limit of what we can afford. We are waiting to hear back from the owner to see whether this will be accepted. That same small plot of land (about 1,000 sqft) would have only sold for about \$2,500 to \$3,000 just three years ago.

But God is definitely in control and we trust that He will provide for our need. Once we acquire a property we need to build as soon as we can. We are already in dire need of a proper nursery and Sunday School classes. We are currently meeting in two houses in the village of Tab-Ang (one for reg church/Sunday School & one for Jr. Church). But this is not adequate and as we grow and see more visitors come it will not suffice at all.

This is a good problem to have, isn't it? Blessed be the Lord, we are having growing pains because of lack of space. Would to God that this would be gloriously answered! We are ready to buy a sound system and some basic musical instruments, just need a place to put them.

Of course, the spiritual growth of the people is more exciting. I have been training a man, Bro. Manuel, in Babatngon in the deeper doctrines of the Bible and showing him how to search the Scriptures and give devotions. He has also been learning how to lead music. In a few more weeks I will have him to preach his first message. I already asked him if he was ready for that. He said no, but that he was willing to do anything for the Lord. Amen! That is the right attitude.

Ypille's ladies have also been growing beautifully in the Lord. She has several of them taking turns giving Bible devotions in the weekly ladies Bible study. I also have a young man, Bro. Lemuel, who has been faithfully by my side for going on two years helping me in all aspects of the mission work both in Duka and Babatngon. Please keep him in prayer. Could he be the man God has reserved to take over these works? Only God knows, but he has a three-year commitment with me for training apprenticeship.

Prayer Requests:

- For God to give us a greater harvest of souls than ever
- For God to provide a property for the folks at Babatngon
- For God to raise up Filipino leaders to His glory in the work here
- For our continued health and strength going forward in the work

God Has Blessed Every Opportunity

In our last newsletter we reported how that God gave us an opportunity to minister His Word on the radio. Well that ministry has been very blessed. Since starting the show back in March, we have had a very good response from listeners in many areas reached by the broadcast. We have had opportunities to lead folks to the Lord, send folks to a good Bible-believing church in their area if available, offer in-home Bible studies, bring conviction on backslidden believers, encourage others, and the list goes on. And we get more responses with each broadcast. And wow, how the Lord provides. Just a few weeks ago we received a love gift of \$900 designated for the show that will keep it on the air for the rest of this year!



Also I have set up a new server for our ministry website. It is a simpler and more affordable Asia server than the one we were maintaining back in the States. The new website is located at www.cftpm.info. I am still adding content as of this writing. I plan to add our entire archive of newsletters and mp3s of our recorded radio broadcasts. The biggest limiting factor previously was our severe lack of good internet where we were living, outside of the city and near the sea. But just a couple of weeks ago we moved back into the city and have access to much better internet (although the Philippines still has the world's second-worst internet!).

Our email has also changed as we are on the new server. The new email address is tony@cftpm.info. Please feel free to email us and tell us what you think of our new website. It is simple and no-frills but it should get the job done. I hope to have everything complete in the next couple of weeks as time allows.

The next opportunity I'm looking forward to being blessed is that Babatngon has just elected a new mayor and I'm planning on making an appointment with her to see if she will allow us to have Bible study classes with their police, fire, town officials and schools. Nothing is too hard for the Lord if He wills it!

Please keep us in your prayers, we thank you for your support and your love for the Filipino people!

Because Jesus Christ lives,
Tony Tirse - Mat. 28:6
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