



Christ for the Philippines Mission



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Greetings in the precious wonderful Name of our Saviour Jesus Christ! Here we are at the beginning of yet another exciting year on our mission field. 2015 was an exciting year as we were able to get the gospel out to many hundreds and saw many make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. We had a total of 36 baptized in our two mission works of Duka and Babatngon.

We are so thankful to be ministering to these wonderful brethren. The work continues as we press forward in obedience to fulfill the Great Commission. We continue to preach and baptize, but the exciting part is the teaching. It is awesome to watch the new brethren grow in grace and in the faith. We have many who faithfully come to Sunday services and attend Sunday school to hear the verse-by-verse and doctrinal teaching of the Word of God.

And many faithful that come to the midweek Bible studies as well. Some of the most exciting things are the Bible verse memorization. Already we have several who have memorized upwards of over 100 Bible verses and some who have memorized and recited over 200 verses! Lately I have been doing "Bible drills" for fun and challenge where we will call out a Book, chapter and verse and the first one to get there stands up and reads it.

With regard to Bible verse memorization, I don't let them off the hook that easily. I ask them to explain a verse or two that they have recited to challenge them to not only memorize Scripture, but to know what it means. This has opened up the door to many questions being asked in each Bible study and Sunday school class. It is wonderful to see how they love learning the Word of God.

The past few weeks I have spent in detailed teaching about witnessing and soul winning. This will culminate with a church-wide visitation where I will take the whole assembly out to the town to give gospel tracts, witness for Christ, and invite them to hear the message of the Gospel. Many of them are nervous, as they have never done anything like this before, but are also excited to follow in the Saviour's footsteps taking the gospel to every creature.

This will be a progressive step as we teach them the importance of being personally obedient to the Great Commission as well as to allow them to develop a heart for mission work. After the local soul winning, I will challenge them to think on a wider scale (as in Jerusalem -> Judea -> Samaria -> Uttermost part of the earth) and begin to teach and challenge them to support missions throughout the Philippines and even internationally as God leads.

Please keep these precious brethren in Duka and Babatngon in your prayers as they learn and seek to follow in the Saviour's footsteps.

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

A New Year in a New Work

I still have not gotten over the fact that God saved an old rotten sinner like me. That's awesome in and of itself. And to have been called to the ministry, that's even more marvelous. But to have been called to mission work on the foreign field, well that's just amazing to me. Exciting is a word I use often to describe the things that are going on and sometimes I'm afraid I might be overusing it. But there's just no other way to talk about it. I am actually and literally excited every time I go out to preach, teach or have Bible studies with our people or with total strangers. This is because the work is always exciting! I get to go out and impart the POWER of God, the gospel of Jesus Christ, to people and watch it work.



I get to see, first hand, lives changed. I see people without hope get hope from the Living God because of the faith of a mustard seed. I get to work with some of the most precious people in the world, brethren who are poor materially, but rich in the grace of our Lord. What a privilege it is to be here doing this work of God. What a humbling experience it is each and every time, not knowing what's going to happen and knowing how inadequate I am, but watching GOD step in and do His marvelous work.

Thank you so much for sending Ypille and me as your missionaries here in the Philippines. This is a new year, 2016, another year closer to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year we will continue. We will, with wide open eyes and child-like anticipation, go forward in this precious work and see more souls saved, baptized and taught in all things whatsoever He has commanded us, as long as the Lord allows us to.

This may be the year that one of our first mission works is organized into one of the Lord's New Testament churches. This may be the year we build one of our first buildings. This may be the year that our Lord returns in a cloud of glory. Whatever this year holds for us, we are excited to be here working for the Lord and living a life that has an eternal impact on these precious Filipino souls.

We continue to ask for your prayers for the brethren at Duka and Babatngon and prayer for us as we continue in the work. We desire more fruit for God's kingdom and to abound to your account. Thank you again for allowing us to be your representatives here on this mission field, may God bless you as you continue to serve Him, for He is worthy.

Because Jesus Christ lives,

Tony Tirse - Mat. 28:6

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