



Christ for the Philippines Mission



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Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for your prayers and support, we would not be able to do the work of God here on the field if it were not for the obedience of God's people to give to missions. And the people here also send their thanks and regards. We remind them often that they have brethren in the U.S. that love them and are faithful in their financial and prayer support so that the gospel and the work of God may continue to spread throughout their land.

The work here is ever present, not a dull moment goes by. It is interesting how the greater of an effort we put forth, the more resistance and attacks we get from Satan's kingdom. Nevertheless, we continue in the victory of faith. God has rewarded the labor these past few weeks with several souls saved. Since our last newsletter we have seen 19 professions of faith in Christ as personal Saviour. Eight of these from attending church, nine from our soul winning visitations and two during our Youth Fellowship Day. We have also had five baptized. Amen.

Our people continue to grow in the Lord and in His Word. One of the most thrilling things is to see our folks become soul winners. In the last few weeks we have had two of our ladies, a young lady named Rhea and a teenager named Emma, become soul winners as they have been able to lead others to Christ on their own without Ypille and I there to help them. This is such a thrilling thing to me as a pastor!

We ask you to pray for us, for our members and for the work. As I said, the devil is not happy with what we are doing. Over the past couple of months, some of the men (who will not attend our church) have been persecuting their wives regarding their faith, and many times even forbidding them and their children to come to church. Sometimes our attendance will be way down and it will be because of this. I have taught our ladies not to fight with their husbands, not to be snide or resistant. But to display a godly, meek and quiet spirit as the Scripture commands. That they might win them with love and a broken heart. Fighting with their men will only drive them further away from the things of God.

Yet we will continue forward, adding to the work in the face of the persecution and the devil's attacks. We have added to our church-wide soul winning visitation, from once a month to twice a month. Also I plan to begin open-air and street preaching in July. Ypille and I will be traveling to Manila the first week of July for a medical check up, and when we return will begin this new open-air preaching ministry. I have already had the signs made and will purchase a PA system. I have already informed our people about this, they are both excited and nervous as they have never experienced anything like this before.

We ask that you keep all of this as well as our people at Midway Baptist Church Babatngon in your prayers. With each passing month I see the greater needs, have the greater burden, but our resources are limited. But I thank God that we have God!

Announcing a New Birth!

This is one of the most exciting announcements I have ever made. The birth of one of the Lord's New Testament churches! After three years of laboring in the church planting ministry, seeing the souls saved and baptized, becoming faithful and growing in the Lord, we have scheduled the charter service of the Midway Baptist Church - Babatngon for this coming August 12th. I would love it if any of our prayer partners or supporters would be able to fly out to attend this momentous event. I am in complete awe of what God has done here, as just three short years ago we began going door-to-door, and house-to-house preaching the gospel and having in-home Bible studies. Now we are only a few months away from the day when we publicly declare and sign our covenant together and with the Lord to organize and charter as a local New Testament Baptist Church to continue in the Lord's commandments and service until He returns.

I will be honest with you to make this request: If you can come to be a part of this, please come. But if you are not able to come, would you please pray about giving a love offering toward this work, as the expenses will be great for such a great event as this. We plan to sacrifice and spend personally out of our pockets to make sure this is special for everyone, although our budget will be strained. I hope that is not too forward of me to ask.

Also I will ask you to help me pray about our next major project. And this is something that is very close to my heart, which also the Lord has given me the aptitude for. After we settle down from our charter and get on track in the business of the Lord's work as an established church, I have a vision for next year to start a Bible Institute. This is a great need in our area. There are two other Bible colleges that I know of in this region, but they are teaching error in their doctrine. We want to be able to equip those whom God has called with the necessary Bible and practical knowledge they will need. Please keep that in prayer and I will reveal more details about this as the season approaches. Thank you so much for your love for our Filipino brethren.

God bless you, because He lives,
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