



Interconnections

Ministry Update from Rene and Lani Quimbo – Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines

Dear faithful friends and prayer partners,

Members of the **Portal Music Team** are learning to commit themselves to take turns in leading a short devotional before each weekly practice. Indeed, the ministry of praise develops from a grateful attitude, and should become a continuous part of life despite circumstances.

The all men's discipleship class at the **Portal Christian Fellowship** is ongoing. We hope that the Lord will transform them into men who are committed to grow in their understanding of the person and work of Jesus Christ, and may their life become a reflection of Him. It is our desire that this class will help them grasp what it is to

follow Him---to live as God intends them to live and to be where they need to be. **May following Christ become their highest priority over any other pursuit in life.**



Kiraba and Molugan youth and children's Christmas Party with our outreach team



Men's discipleship class at the Portal Christian Fellowship

The get-together of youth and children from **Kiraba** and **Molugan** outreach areas brought a lot of excitement to the participants. They were not only ready to have fun, but they were also prepared to recite their memory verses, and answer Bible trivia questions. We will resume weekly meetings the first Saturday of January 2019.



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Worship service at Lacolac Christian Fellowship on December 23, 2018

At the **Mampang Ministry Center** in Zamboanga City, we started a “preaching the gospel” class with **Alpad and Roxan**. Our target is to finish the class this summer. Learning to present the gospel clearly is necessary for the hearers to see their need for Jesus, to feel the hopelessness of their condition without faith in Christ, and for them to realize that their hope is found in Him only.

Alpad will start his full time internship next semester. He feels overwhelmed with Bible school work, and at times lacks the confidence to make it through. Let’s remember him to God in prayer.

Please pray with us. At the **Mampang Ministry Center**, we see different kinds of people who are at different places in life. Some are genuine followers, others are true seekers of God, and there are those who are merely curious, and still others are simply there for what they could get for themselves. And that there are those who are not real believers at all though they seem to believe that they are. May the Lord bless our endeavors to address these issues. May the Lord guide us with His wisdom, give us patience, and make us sensitive as we continue to minister to them.

Talib’s family has finally relocated to a temporary dwelling close to the **House of Hope Ministry Center** in Opol. We have already identified the 6 families who will be allotted areas where they could build their houses.

We praise God for the help we received from **Midway Presbyterian Church** to finish the construction of the **House of Hope Ministry Center** and for the purchase of necessary church furniture and a musical instrument. We hope to finish the construction of the **House of Hope Ministry Center** at the end of the first quarter. As of this writing, we are still meeting in one of the Bajau houses in Cagayan de Oro for the Wednesday Bible study and prayer meeting, and Sunday worship service. Please pray with us as we plan to start holding adult, youth and children Bible study and fellowship at the Center as soon as possible.



First Youth Jam at Hillside Learning Center held last weekend of October

As expected, close to 40 youth participated in the first Youth Jam scheduled last week of October at the **Hillside Learning Center** in **Lacolac**. Activities included a short seminar, sports events, and bon fire. The youth group members continue to take turns in hosting Saturday afternoon youth Bible study and fellowship in their own homes.



Christmas party for the lunch break Bible study participants at Lacolac Christian Fellowship on December 24, 2018

Our lunch break children Bible study participants came in the morning of December 24 for their Christmas party. With a lot of help from friends (who also sponsored the Christmas party in Mampang on December 16 and at the **House of Hope Ministry Center in Opol** on December 23), we were able to give Christmas presents aside from the party food. Again, the participants were not only ready to play group games, but were also prepared to recite memory verses.



Mampang Ministry Center on Dec.16, 2018

The prayer walk in December took us to more than 100 households in the community. One wife invited us to do weekly Bible study in her home. She also started to come to church with her daughter. We thank God for opening the door of faith to this family.

The peace and order situation up here in Lacolac has finally returned to normal. The soldiers pulled out during the second week of November. Government projects have resumed, and farmers can freely work in their farms. Families who have left to seek safety in other communities have already returned. Thank you for standing with us in prayer.

Thank you all for your encouragement throughout the year. Your generosity in prayers and gifts enabled us to minister with a grateful heart. We are thankful to the Lord for your sincere commitment to partner with us in the work He has called us to do where He has placed us. May our good Lord be glorified in all we do.

Yours in Christ,

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