



# Interconnections

Ministry Update from Rene and Lani Quimbo serving in the Philippines with PMI

Dear friends,

“For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth” Psalm 71:5. This quarter, we resolved to push the youth ministry in our 3 churches to deepen the youth’s commitment to grow in the word and grow in their knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is an on-going weekly Bible study for youth leaders and a weekly youth Bible study and fellowship. A number of youth in our churches have been trained to share the gospel. It would be our great joy to see our youth place their trust and hope in the Lord and experience that their hope and trust in the Lord will never be in vain.



Opol Christian Church youth group (the other 4 members were not able to join this particular fellowship)

We are praying that such would all the more give them reason to be determined in devoting themselves to the Lord.

Considering the fact that the growth into maturity takes place within the context of the body of Christ through mutual ministry of each member to each other, a short seminar on Spiritual gifts was scheduled in the 3 churches. We have already conducted 2 short seminars in Lacolac. The participants understood that the fundamental provision of the Lord for the operation of the church’s intended work of demonstrating the incarnation of Christ to the world is for each individual member to put his/her spiritual gift/gifts to work. It was emphasized that no member should wait for the church leaders to put them into a slot, but to be always mindful to minister their gift/gifts in honesty, love and in a proper way to whoever needs it/them, and for the recipient not to reject but gratefully receive the ministry. The seminar on this topic for the Opol church and Zamboanga City church will be scheduled next quarter.



One of three prayer walk ministry teams, Lacolac Christian Church

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The prayer walk up in Lacolac, as per testimony of one participant, was especially blessed because unlike in the past, more households invited them into their homes. This way, the team, other than praying, had the opportunity to read from Scriptures and explain it to them. Another member of the prayer walk team expressed joy of being able to pray for sick members of the church who were not able to come to church for a long time. One of those sick people who were prayed over is now able to join us for Sunday worship.



Mampang Christian Church (Zamboanga City) youth



Lacolac Christian Church youth group

This school year, some schools implement full time face-to-face classes, while other schools opted for hybrid classes (one week stay-at-home doing modules, one week face-to-face classes). There are 4 elementary and 5 high school students who are being supported by our ministry in Lacolac, 2 Bajau (also known as Sama) elementary students are being supported by our ministry in Zamboanga City, and 5 Bajau (4 elementary and one high school) students are being supported by our ministry in Opol. These students are serving in the various ministries of our churches. Some are in the praise and worship ministry, others are in the youth and children's ministry, while still others are in housekeeping work.



Lacolac youth group fellowship; Sharlyn (shirt with red and blue sleeves) shared the gospel to Soysoy and Ian (2 guys on her left) and lead them in prayer to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.



Isoy, (the carpenter in red shirt with black collar) recently committed his life to Christ; he gave a powerful testimony of God's faithfulness during Vesper service/prayer meeting.

We praise God for providing workers for the construction of the new church building in Molugan, El Salvador City. Our prayers include God's safekeeping of the carpenters as they work rain or shine, and that God will use us to build well into their lives as they receive the ministry of the word during daily devotional (before they go to work each day), prayer meeting and vesper service, and Sunday worship service. All of the workers are from Lacolac. Though not all of them join these meetings, for those who are attending, their wives have come to our Bible studies, prayer meeting, and Sunday worship service in our Lacolac church.

One of the carpenters gave a testimony of his coming to faith in Christ during a prayer meeting in Opol church and that he was grateful for the many occasions opened to him to regularly learn from the word of God and to enjoy the care of godly people.

During last night's vesper service and prayer meeting (September 28) he gave a very powerful witness to God's faithfulness: that Monday evening he received a call from his mother asking for his help to settle a huge financial problem, and the deadline given was the coming Thursday. On Tuesday evening, he learned from the church Bible study to "cast all your anxiety on Him for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). So, for the first time in his life, this 2-month old Christian resolved to seek help from God and not from man. Just before last night's church fellowship, he received a call from his mother not to worry about the money for someone has provided the total amount. There was so much rejoicing, in the midst of his grateful tears, several brothers and sisters shed tears of joy with him. Our heart's desire is not only for our new church building construction to be completed, but also for the workers and their families to find their joy complete as they come to trust their lives to our Lord Jesus Christ.



Ongoing church building construction, Molugan, El Salvador City

There were questions from new members of Opol church concerning baptism. A short seminar on baptism was held to address the issues. This is a good opportunity for our church to grow in knowledge on various church doctrines.

To encourage our church members to be more active in joining prayer meetings, a short seminar on prayer was conducted in Lacolac church and in Opol church. Prayer meetings should not be taken as an extra-curricular ministry, but as one of the main ministries of a Christ-centered church. Prayer is a true Christian's response to the gift of salvation. A short seminar on prayer will be scheduled in the church in Zamboanga City this December.

Please pray with us (1) for God's travelling mercies and blessings upon several ministry goals in Zamboanga City, (2) for strong commitment of our students in our Bible content overview class, (3) for God's blessings upon the short seminar on Spiritual gifts in Zamboanga City church and Opol church, (4) for God's wisdom in counseling

church construction workers and their families, (5) for the on-time completion of the church building construction, and (6) for God's favor to meet our monthly ministry financial needs.

Dear friends, thank you for being always there (in prayers and gifts) to help us accomplish our ministry goals. We continue giving thanks to God for you, remembering you to God in our faithful prayers. Your messages of encouragement, your kind words, and wise counsel are helpful and are truly appreciated. In recent months, we have encountered challenges concerning shortfall in ministry funds. We find encouragement in remembering God's faithfulness. Indeed, His goodness and faithfulness have not only preserved us, but have also inspired us to press on. He is indeed our sure foundation.

In Him,

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First seminar on Spiritual gifts participants at Lacolac Christian Church



Second seminar on Spiritual gifts participants at Lacolac Christian Church

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