



Interconnections

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

Dear friends,

We remained in awe at how the Lord answered our prayers concerning our brothers and sisters in **Arena Blanco, Zamboanga City** who lost their homes to a fire in September this year. Your prompt and generous response to the needs of the fire victims made it possible for us to minister to their situation without delay and lifted the heavy burden we felt upon hearing the sad news. The immediate needs of the fire victims were amply provided, they received assistance to rebuild their homes, and recently we were able to distribute financial assistance for their livelihood. ***They are very grateful to all of you.*** Now they have a deeper understanding of what the body of Christ is, and what it means to be a part of it. We started to hold 2 worship services: Arena Blanco worshippers in



Zamboanga City Christian Church afternoon worship service worshippers (Mampang)

the morning, and Mampang (where the ministry center is located) worshippers in the afternoon. As you are aware, we've started home prayer visitation in our neighborhood before the pandemic in 2019. During the pandemic, home Bible studies were opened which continued until September of this year. Then beginning in October, they started to come to our Sunday worship service. Since our church building is quite small, we decided to hold 2 worship services. About 85 people came to worship with us in the afternoon. Thank you for praying with us. God heard our prayers and made the ministry fruitful.



Zamboanga City Christian Church morning worshippers from Arena Blanco

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In **Lacolac**, the deacons training class for 5 church members began in November and will be completed this April, 2024. It is exciting to see these 5 men grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and their willingness to serve the church. A wedding was held at the church this December with Iking officiating the wedding ceremony.

In our **El Salvador City church**, selected youth are attending training class to be able to teach children's Bible studies in the church and in the outreach ministries. Each of them also takes turn leading the youth online Bible study every Thursday evening, with Iking, Rory and Josh (church elder) overseeing the ministry.



Iking officiating Lacolac Christian Church wedding



Selected youth attending training class to be able to teach children's Bible Study (with mentors Iking and Rory)



El Salvador City Christian Church (many are not in the pictures opting to prepare for the succeeding activities)



Lacolac Christian Church worshippers



Special presentation during our church Christmas party



Final round contenders (Rene and Rory) of rock, paper and scissors game during the church Christmas party...Rory beat his dad.

The last quarter of this year was especially hectic with so much going on in the different ministry centers. And our family was sick with persistent cough and colds, body aches, fever, and rashes that lasted one month to over a month. Lani is sick again since last week of December until as of this writing. She just got a month of break from same symptoms. Our coworkers also had the same symptoms, as well as people in many communities in Mindanao. **Thanks for praying dear friends. Also, please include our ministry financial needs in your prayers.** We struggled a bit with ministry funds in the past year. We are hoping that the coming year 2024 we will not be burdened so much from such. *Please prayerfully consider how you may help us in this concern.*

From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to thank you for your faithful partnership in the ministry throughout the year. Your emails, letters, cards, and gifts that are tokens of your love and concern for us and the work are wholeheartedly cherished. We continue to endeavor to “arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you” (Isaiah 60:1). This is our heart song from beginning to end.

Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!
In Him,

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