

# interconnections

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

## Dear friends,

For the many ministry opportunities that the Lord has opened for us, we are truly grateful to Him. For the Lord's faithful provisions in various ways, we are encouraged and inspired to trust His leading. For the successes the Lord has blessed the different ministries, we offer all to Him.

## Portal Christian Church

At the **Portal Christian Church**, the youth who have completed training have started taking turns teaching children Bible study, with adult supervision. We are really glad that the youth come well prepared and they continue to demonstrate that they are growing in understanding on how to handle the children's short attention span and antics. Four out of the five worshippers who completed the recent church membership class have made their public profession of faith. Even before their official church membership, they have already been very active in using their spiritual gifts to serve the church.

Now, their commitment has become even more commendable. Iking and Rory continue to go to the El Salvador City Hall every Friday afternoon to teach Bible study to the City Social Welfare Office staff. This is part of the government's **Moral Values Reorientation Program**. Since they all come from a Roman Catholic background (one used to attend a Roman Catholic Seminary) the Bible study has met a bit of resistance which is mostly expressed in their silence. Then, after over 3 months---Rory heard 2 people talking afterward about the Bible study, appreciating the way it was taught. We thank the Lord for this breakthrough.



Iking teaching Friday Bible study at El Salvador  
City Hall Office of City Social Welfare

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Public profession of faith at  
Portal Christian Church



## Lacolac Christian Church

Youth training on how to share their faith and how to teach a Bible study to children is now on-going at the **Lacolac Christian Church**. Realizing how the said training motivated the young people at the Portal Christian Church towards increasing knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and learning how to serve Him, we challenged our youth in Lacolac to participate. Eight youth have been attending the training beginning this February. Our hope remains that they, too, will thirst for God's words and desire to serve Him according to their gifts and the circumstances that God will unfold for them.

Inno teaching children's  
Bible study



## Deacon training

Candidates for the Deaconate continue to attend classes which will be completed by April. Already, we are excited how the Lord will bless the church through the work of the coming new deacons. We commit all the five deacon candidates to God through faithful prayers.

## Prayer walks and prayer needs

We scheduled the prayer walk during the last Wednesday of March. The team requested if we could start as early as 6 in the morning, since it has not rained for more than one month now, it gets so hot even in the morning. Water is scarce. We started fetching water from the water stations two weeks ago. The waiting lines are long. We usually fetch water from late night to the wee hours in the morning when people in the community are already sleeping.

Plants and grasses for grazing are dying, animals have started to die in nearby communities. Farmers are very concerned. On top of all these, suspected members of the New People's Army are being sighted in the community. People are troubled regarding the possibility of an encounter with government soldiers, and that people in the community might get caught in the crossfire. This happened several times before. It could happen again.

We covet your prayers.



Sunday worship service at  
Zamboanga City Christian Church



## Zamboanga City Christian Church

At the **Zamboanga City Christian Church**, we continue to hold two worship services, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We have also started a joint youth fellowship involving youth from Arena Blanco, and youth from Mampang (Masepla and other areas). Bible studies are on-going during the week in Arena Blanco, in Masepla, and participants from other areas in Mampang come to the church for Bible study.

This has been our dream ever since we moved to Mampang in 2014. Finally, God made it into reality. We praise Him for His favor.



Weekly joint youth fellowship (Arena  
Blanco and Mampang youth)

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## Mampang need

Lastly, there is a very important matter we would like to share with you all. It has been eleven years since the church building in Mampang was built. We have put it in good use for all these years. We have witnessed many people come to faith in Christ and grew in their faith despite many challenges. We went through a lot of challenges, too---how to keep the church building serve its purpose until now. The rat infestation in this community is of another level. They can make holes on the walls (not only on the inner double wall, but also on the outside, primary wall), on the ceiling, even on thick wooden floors, thick plastic clothes cabinets, food containers, and others. The rats are bold to run under the table while you are working, it is a bit troublesome to come out in the night to use the restroom. We cover holes they make with plain metal sheets but recently, even wooden posts they do not spare. We understand that we need to make the building concrete, and use plain metal sheets as ceiling material to prevent the rats from destroying them.

**We have on hand funds raised locally for this purpose, amounting to \$18,500. We need \$17,000 more.** Please consider how you may help us concerning this need. Our tentative schedule to start the building reconstruction in August. We have already obtained permission from the local authority concerning the work. Please pray with us that God will meet the funds required for the said project.

We would like to thank you for your faithful partnership in the ministry since its beginning. Your emails, letters, cards, and gifts that are tokens of your love and concern for us and the work are wholeheartedly appreciated. We continue to endeavor that in whatever we do, we work at it **with all our heart, as working for the Lord, not for man** (Colossians 3:23). Please know that we remember you all to God in our faithful prayers.

In Him,  
*Rene and Lani*