



Interconnections

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

Dear Friends,

Our hearts are full of thanksgiving to our God who sustains us and enables us to accomplish the work He calls us to do for His kingdom in our part of the world. We are exceedingly grateful to all of you for your faithfulness in partnering with us in God's work throughout this year.

As you may know, this year is one of the most challenging years since we began ministry in terms of finances. Yet, the ministry program plans for the year have been carried out, although with some necessary adjustments, but still, they met our expected outcomes, glory to God.

Dondon, one of the carpenters that constructed our Zamboanga city church building, continued to come for Bible study, attended Sunday worship, and fellowship gatherings long after the completion of the church building. He joined the church membership class and gave his public profession of faith and got baptized.

We invited him to come with us to Cagayan de Oro City and to Lacolac, Bukidnon to help us do repair work in the church buildings in both places. He stayed and worked with us for 10 weeks (from October to middle of December). We were blessed by his dedication in his work and we are certain he was blessed by the experience that he gained from working with God's servants who treated him as a brother.



Our nephew Sam preaching during Sunday worship service at the Portal Christian Church in El Salvador City



Dondon doing repair work of the Lacolac church sanctuary

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Sometime in November, Lani's sister and her family (from Tacoma, WA) came to conduct conferences in the Philippines as part of their PIETAS ministry. The Sunday they visited us, our nephew Sam who is the youth pastor of their church, gave the sermon message at our El Salvador City church. A member of the PIETAS team is a lady named Jelay. About 3 years ago, she visited us at home. When she came in to wash her hands, she was sweating profusely due to the heat inside our house. She decided to send us funds to install an air conditioner in our living room/dining area. At that time, we were still constructing the church building in El Salvador City. We were short of funds for the church windows. So, we asked Jelay for permission to use the funds that she gave us for the air conditioner at home to install the church windows instead.

And here is the thing: (1) Our church was able to thank Jelay for her generosity when she came to

worship at El Salvador City church that Sunday; (2) Also, that same Sunday, Dondon who was also worshipping with us, was quickly introduced to Jelay because during the huge fire that burned down houses of all our church members in Arena Blanco, Zamboanga City 2 years ago, Jelay was one of the first responders to help the fire victims; (3) The face-to-face meeting of the needy (Dondon) and the helper (Jelay) was quite momentous --- it made our hearts tender.



PIETAS team: Jelay is second from left



The Portal Christian Church Christmas 2025 picture

Our brothers and sisters, as we reflect on your faithful partnership, our hearts overflow with praise to our God and gratitude to you all for how you have touched the lives of so many. The privilege to continue to serve God through the various ministries is indeed a gift. What a blessing from God to be called and empowered to do His work. Please know that we remain thankful for each one of you for your ministry of prayer, gracious care, and encouragement that spur us to persevere, without which, we will not be able to complete the task the Lord sets before us. Thank you all for sowing seeds in our ministries. Let's pray that they will bear fruits that will last.

The Lord has been good to us, and we look forward to what God has in store for us in 2026. May you and your loved ones see His mighty hand at work in your life and feel His warm embrace throughout the New Year.

In Him,

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