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MINISTRY UPDATE FROM RENE AND LANI QUIMBO

The Lord Himself is Keeping Watch



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Dear friends,

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise! His goodness and faithfulness amaze us to no end! This quarter is probably the most hectic throughout the year especially because of scheduled outreach programs in all ministry areas, ongoing mountain ministry building repairs, and participation in **Christ Enrichment Church leadership training and youth seminar** in a number of churches, in addition to our regular ministry programs. And all these happening in the midst of several relational issues between members of our congregation and co-workers in two churches, and most of all, critical financial challenges we were constantly facing. Because the Lord Himself is keeping watch that His promises come to pass, we are rejoicing and celebrating our partnership in the ministries He has called us to do.

You have stood alongside us in persevering prayers and sacrificial giving. Not only has the Lord immeasurably blessed the work, He also generously provided for the work through substantial year-end financial gifts that would not only cover shortfalls, but also incoming needs, and funds to purchase a much needed second-hand pickup truck. **We are overwhelmed with gratitude both to God and to all of you dear friends.** Thank you for the blessing of your thoughtfulness and kindness, refreshing us in countless ways.



Christmas worship service of
Lacolac Christian Fellowship

Lacolac Update

Up in Lacolac, we had the opportunity to prayer walk around the community (despite the deteriorating peace and order situation), proclaiming the gospel and praying for 111 households. During the **Christmas party** for children in our lunch break Bible study, **PJ, a 10-year old boy** showed us that he could memorize not only verses or paragraphs, but even an entire chapter of the Bible.



PJ reciting the most memory verses of the lunch break Bible study

Our Christmas worship service was made merrier by the **reconciliation**

of people in conflict with each other (they all came during the church meeting to discuss such matters). The ministry building repair was so slow: one of the workers got sick (was told by the doctor to rest for 6 months), and the other workers have family and health issues from time to time delaying the work. Still, we are hoping the repair work will be completed the first quarter this coming year.



Lacolac Ministry Center building repairs

Youth Outreach



Kiraba, Molugan and Opol youth and children Christmas party

The youth and children in our outreach in Kiraba, Molugan, and Opol had a get-together first Saturday of December. Although some parents did not give permission for their kids to join the party, more than 40 came. Many recited their memory verses and learned where to find words in specific verses in the Bible during one of the fun games. The Christmas party of the **Portal Christian Fellowship in Opol** was all the more enjoyable as the Bajau members, overcame their shyness, and presented a traditional dance. We are glad to see the Bajau and non-Bajau worshippers steadily meshing up this year.



Portal Christian Fellowship Christmas Party



Zamboanga City outreach ministry to Muslim neighbors

The outreach ministry to our Muslim neighbors in Zamboanga City was scheduled last December 14 to coincide with the first day of school holiday vacation. About 130 people indicated to come, but on the day of the program, many more (about 50 people) would like to join. We wanted to accommodate all, but we had limited food and gifts. We shared the gospel through the Christmas story, and all were respectfully listening except for one man who shouted the name of Allah every time the name of Jesus Christ was proclaimed. They enthusiastically participated in the games, and we had a meal together. We also had an opportunity to speak with them individually and in small groups. And, praise the Lord, they welcomed our offer to hold weekly prayer visitation in their community. Most of all, we were so encouraged and excited by the participation of a number of members of our congregation (from Muslim background) who came on that day to help out with the outreach activity. During our worship service the following day, those worshippers who helped us out gave a **testimony of experiencing a special joy from their involvement**, and committed to

be part of the group that would regularly reach out to our Muslim neighbors. As of this writing, ***we have a weekly prayer visitation to 3 groups in this community.*** Glory to God for making this possible. Please pray with us that this will become a Bible study group in the near future.



Mampang Christian Fellowship Christmas worship service

Dear friends, we are blessed beyond measure by your strong, steadfast and dedicated commitment to our partnership in the ministry. Thank you. May you all have a happy and fruitful New Year!

In Him,

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