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MINISTRY UPDATE FROM RENE AND LANI QUIMBO



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Dear friends,

The recent super typhoon Rolly and Ulysses have created additional difficulties for our people on top of a rising threat of COVID-19 infections. Areas severely affected in the island of Luzon have been declared under “a state of calamity.” Hundreds of people have perished and farms and properties have been destroyed. In the midst of great difficulty, we endeavored to make *the love of Christ real in several communities through the outpouring of fervent prayers and sending of practical help the best we can*. We are praying that these acts of kindness will convey love, joy and hope to these people.

Mampang Ministry in Lockdown

At the **Mampang Ministry Center** in Zamboanga City, it is increasingly hard to hold on to hope that soon there will be face to face ministry engagements as lockdowns are implemented in communities where members of the church reside. COVID-19 cases continue to be unabated. Such circumstances provide opportunities to widen our focus to see how else we could minister to God’s people. There is a temptation to focus on problems rather than God’s provisions at hand. We have to bear in mind that the hope of God and His great power outshines any darkness. In this regard, because Alpad and his family (pictured) are from the area, they can easily get in and out by sea route. **This family has been the most effective means for in-person ministry to Sama and Tausug Muslims, praise the Lord.**



Alpad and family

Lacolac Update

Ever since face to face ministries were allowed by the local government authorities in Lacolac, provided strict quarantine status protocols are followed, the kids in our Sunday school are back to memorizing Bible verses. One little boy, *Dodong Reymar* (6 years old), used to be a quite difficult boy to handle (didn't pay attention and also distracted young boys by enticing them to play with him), always created a "brawl" among little boys. **Now, he is different.** He pays close attention and participates enthusiastically in class. Sunday



Dodong reciting verses

after Sunday, he joins the bigger and older kids to recite the assigned memory verses. What's amazing, he inspires other young children to do the same. What happened? **God happens to be working out His purposes in this young boy's life, glory to His name.**



Dodong Remar (right most, front row) with top memory verse Sunday school mates

Membership Classes



Membership class at Lacolac Christian Fellowship

We continue to delight in God's continuing manifestation of His presence in the various ministries. In **Lacolac Christian Fellowship**, we are going to conclude the church membership class attended by 15 worshippers the 2nd Sunday of December.

In Opol town, the **Portal Christian Fellowship** will hold its final church membership class attended by 20 worshippers the 3rd Sunday of December. There is much to be thankful for even in these difficult times.

God's perfect plans cannot be thwarted by any circumstance. **It is important to continue to trust God who never fails.** Indeed, the greatest gift we have to face any challenge in life is to be in the will of God---then, we are certain He will keep us in perfect peace no matter what.



Membership class at Portal Christian Fellowship in Opol

Please celebrate with us what God has been doing in our midst. Thank you all for generous gifts of prayer, encouragement, and financial support. In 2 Thessalonians 3:1, Paul wrote, *“Brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.”* **Thanks to you, we are enabled to minister with the purpose that the people God has drawn to Himself are being renewed by biblical truths.**

We covet your commitment to pray with us for faithful and fruitful ministry in the years to come. Together, we are praying and working toward that end. We greet you all a blessed, Merry Christmas and a fruitful, happy New Year!

In Him,

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