



# Interconnections

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

Dear friends,

God is good and faithful! No matter the circumstances He allows in the ministries and in our lives, the truth remains He is sovereign over everything. So, we declare with Job, “***I know***

***that you can do all things, and no purpose of yours can be thwarted***” (Job 42:2). We can only respond in trust and obedience, not grudgingly, but willingly.

As you are already aware, we will start the reconstruction (concreting) of our church building in **Zamboanga City** first week of August. We have locally raised a little over half of the estimated budget, and glory to God, 1/3 of the remaining half has been added. Please prayerfully consider how you may be involved in this necessary undertaking. Thank you.



Morning worship service in Zamboanga City Church



Afternoon worship service in Zamboanga City Church

We travelled to Zamboanga City last week of April. It was an opportunity to encourage and remind our coworkers that our purpose is to preach Jesus Christ, and to put God’s glory as the highest goal of every worshipper. We are thankful to God for the opportunity to preach and teach while there. Canvassing for availability of construction materials and their prices came out fruitful. We are hoping the price difference between then and in August will not be significant.

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During the last week of May, the baccalaureate service for pre-school and elementary graduating students of **Lacolac Elementary School** was held at our church. It was another opportunity from God to enable us to share Christ's gospel of grace to students, parents, relatives, friends, and teachers.



Baccalaureate service for pre-school and elementary students held at Lacolac Church

On June 16, we celebrated the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of **Lacolac Christian Church**. There were several fellowships held the day before: *Children's fellowship, youth fellowship, and adult fellowship*. It was

indeed *a celebration of God's faithfulness* throughout the years. The storms of church life all the more brought God's faithfulness at the very center of it all.



21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Lacolac Church

The third week of June, the church's prayer walk team went around the community bringing God's word to 87 households, and committing them to God in prayer. One lady came to the prayer meeting and shared, in tears, how she was comforted and encouraged by the visit (she said she was under a great burden with family issues) by the teaching of God's word and lifting her to God in prayer.



Ellen and An-an

**Ellen and An-an** rendered a special song during the anniversary celebration; Ellen, a government worker (standing on the left) gave a testimony of God's favor when we do what is right however difficult; An-an shared that studying the word of God helped her clearly explain her faith to her ailing father and younger brother who used to be strongly opposed to her being born again.

At the **Portal Christian Church** in El Salvador City, the youth who have completed training have started taking turns teaching children Bible study, with adult supervision. This July, they are going to assist in teaching during VBS. And, we are glad that they have learned to share their blessings and putting God's work ahead of themselves. They have been saving money since the start of the year for a youth summer activity in Cebu City (in the Visayas). They decided to forego the said trip and instead, *donate the funds collected for the expenses of VBS materials for the 3 churches.*



Coco teaching Sunday School

The church governance Bible study for church leaders is ongoing. This was started since last year. It helps them grow in the word together and to be on the same page as they serve the Lord as a group.



Church governance Bible Study leaders

Other than the *El Salvador City Hall* ministry, there are two ministry opportunities that will be opened soon. We have been invited to teach a weekly Bible Study to the teachers of the *Opol National Secondary Technical School* (Opol is a town adjacent to Cagayan de Oro City) and we have been requested to teach a *home Bible study in El Salvador City.*

Please remember these ministries to God in prayer, including:

- ◆ the forthcoming VBS in the three churches (youth and children in Lacolac and El Salvador City churches, and children, youth, and adults in Zamboanga City Church),
- ◆ the church rebuilding project in Zamboanga City,
- ◆ the visit of Pete Johnson and Andy Gunn from Central Presbyterian Church first week of July to minister to us and with us. We have long needed and appreciated their ministry of encouragement through the years. We are blessed!

Dear friends, **please know how grateful we are to the Lord for each one of you for your strong partnership with us throughout the years.** Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for faithfully keeping us company through the joys and challenges (and there were many) in this journey of trust and obedience to the Lord's calling. Let us together "*press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus*" (Phil. 3:14).

In Him,  
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