

December 24, 2024

Dear Friends,

We just got back from a 16-hour long drive from Zamboanga City at 2 o'clock this morning. It is with hearts brimming with joy and overflowing with gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we share with you His great blessing of the new church building in Zamboanga City. On December 22, the Lord's Day, the joyous celebration started at 8 o'clock in the morning with church building dedication, adult baptism of 14 worshippers, public profession of faith of 17 worshippers (ONLY because God calls His own to Himself: For these particular people to be able to overcome the strong pressure and threat of being expelled from their Muslim clan is surely God's work of mercy and grace towards them), and during the worship service we celebrated the Lord's Supper for the first time. After our fellowship meal, there were special presentations by the children, the youth, and the men and women. There were close to 160 worshippers. People only started to go home at around 6 o'clock in the evening. What a long day of rejoicing! What a day of victory in the Lord! Please accept our sincere and heartfelt thanks, brothers and sisters, for your unwavering partnership throughout the years---your faithful prayers and practical help enabled us to taste the goodness of our Lord! From the Zamboanga City Christian Church, Lacolac Christian Church, and Portal Christian Church we greet you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love in Him,

Rene and Lani





