



Interconnections

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

Dear Friends,

Not so long ago, Dearly and her family and Sol and his family came to worship with us at the Portal Christian Church on different Sundays. Both of them came to know the Lord about 25 years ago during our student/campus ministry. Before they graduated from college, they were actively involved in the ministry. Dearly and Sol taught weekly bible studies at the ministry center. Sol is now teaching engineering courses at a college in Alaska, USA while Dearly works as a psychotherapist in Vienna, Austria. Their visit brought back memories when we were starting out in the ministry fresh from graduating from Covenant Theological Seminary. We praise the Lord they have continued living out their faith in Christ throughout the years.



Dearly and daughter Isa with college friends from 20 years ago who are church members

In Zamboanga City Church, those who completed the church membership class gave their public profession of faith and were baptized. Also, we started the deacons training class for the four candidates. Please remember to pray for Hamid,

one of the candidates. He recently received threats on his life. He is a fisherman who often catches more fish than the others in his neighborhood. We are wondering if the threat emanates from the issue of jealousy, or from the fact that he is now a committed believer in our Lord Jesus Christ.



Sol with wife Irene seated across from Rene, Iking and Rory sharing a meal after worship service

Recently, our church building in El Salvador City was vandalized twice. Several fruit trees and foliage plants planted around the church property have been cut down and flower pots turn upside down. There was a time when they used the bathrooms and the open kitchen for things other than their intended uses/purposes. In response to this, we plan to build a fence around the church property as resources to do so become available. May the Lord grant us favor.

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Zamboanga City Christian Church 19th anniversary celebration



We celebrated the 25th and the 19th church anniversary of the Portal Christian Church in El Salvador City and the Zamboanga City Christian Church, respectively. Personal testimonies on how the church impacted their faith in Christ abound to the glory of His name.

In the mountain ministry center, we rejoice that at least 3 families earned their living by tapping rubber trees that we have planted with the help from several ministry partners after

the super typhoon in 2011 and 2012. One family has a daughter who just entered college and three other children in high school. The other family, the husband used to be a carpenter. After his operation on his stomach, he could not lift heavy stuff anymore. He and his wife are overjoyed

to have this means of livelihood. The third family relied on buying and selling vegetables for a living. However, the prolonged drought made vegetable supply scarce. The reason we planted rubber trees years ago was to give people gravely affected by the super typhoons an opportunity to work under the church's "food for work" program. This is indeed God's provision for these families in need.

The Portal Christian Church 25th Anniversary celebration



Dear friends, we continue to be grateful for your prayer and financial support for our family and ministry. You all have been a great blessing to us. Please know that we faithfully pray for each one of you.

In Him,

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