

God's Word is opening the doors of faith

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Praise Reports:

1. Praise the Lord for working in many hearts - both saved and unsaved. God's Word will do the work; we must be faithful to preach and teach it boldly.
2. Praise God for souls saved.
3. Praise God for believers desiring baptism & church membership.
4. Praise the Lord for tender hearts and open minds.
5. Praise be to God for keeping us healthy. We have had terrible bouts with colds & flu but no serious hospitalizations, etc. We just want to thank the LORD for His goodness. Health is wealth!
6. Praise the Lord for His gracious hand of provision. Thank you for partnering with us in prayers and in giving.

Prayer Requests:

- ⇒ Please pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ to willingly submit to the Lord's commands. (Isn't this like the ultimate prayer request that we all really need!/? Pray on!)
- ⇒ Please pray that the Lord would bless our new gospel tract: "Sino si Jesucristo?" ("Who is Jesus Christ?").
- ⇒ Please pray for safety of the "street children." Some just run and weave through the streets while vehicles are in motion and they do it mindlessly. I just about yell at 'em when they do that. My blood pressure rises, and I almost break out into street preaching. Needless to say, we have had some robust Sunday School sessions. But the Lord is good and we are working with 50+ mostly children and teens.

Marcia's Sunday School Class progress: The average attendance of her children's SS class is now in the upper 40's. Three new boys have decided to stay and join us for the AM church service, along with Markey (9 year old boy, who has been faithfully attending). All three of them prayed to receive the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. One of them was Iping, who was the first place winner of our August SS coloring contest. You can see a marked difference in his countenance and attention. I love how God changes people! The following week, 10 SS children (more of the older children) stayed through and listened really well during the AM church service. There are times when a boy will leave and cause the rest of his friends to leave also, but I am thankful that they have the opportunity to hear the gospel through the preaching of the Word.

Pray for Josephine: One of the ladies that have been regularly attending is Josephine. She is battling "stage four" cancer (meaning terminal). She has made a profession of faith on a Sunday AM after the church service and is desiring to be baptized. Please pray for her health. She moves slowly, carefully, and with much pain. I would desire nothing more than for her to get baptized and added to our church fellowship. She is an answer to prayer and a challenge to all "well-bodied" Christians who sadly live in disobedience to Christ's command. I know you will pray for her. AMEN!

A Band of Brothers: This month, I was able to join-in with other solid New Testament Baptist brethren (Filipino pastors and missionaries). They are pursuing formal education and training through the ministry of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Quezon City, under the leadership of Pastor Jed Raquintan. The guest lecturer was Pastor Caswell Reeves who is pastor of Heritage Baptist Church in Endicott, NY. The fellowship was great, but I must confess, the Filipino food was ever-so slightly better. It ministered to my heart to actually sit and listen to preaching and teaching (instead of standing and speaking, for a change). It was a blessing to rub shoulders with peers, to hear their struggles and burdens, and to know that I am not alone.

Pray for Prospects: God has graciously allowed me to get in touch with two men who are incarcerated in the Taguig City Hall Jail. The Jail ministry is a true delight (because I have a captive audience). The Lord has opened the hearts of Paulo (a husband to Anajin and father to four precious little children) and Michael V. (a Baptist Bible College graduate who got into drugs). These men are soon to be released and I am praying that they will follow through with the things which they have heard. Also, pray for Arthur (30 year old taxi driver). We exchanged information and he is wide-open. Pray that he would take heed to my gospel warnings and pleadings.

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