

July 2017

Dearest Partners in Prayer,

Rejoice with us as to what the Lord accomplished during our summer months of April and May.

We had over 60 youth attend our camp at Refuge Mtn Bible Campgrounds, under Dan's direction and preaching, with the assistance of Pastor Mike



Mendiola and Bro Dennis Barbon. This year we had seven salvation decisions among sponsored youth, and we had five of our own young people from Mt Calvary Baptist Church surrender to full time Christian service. 4 young men plan to attend Bible college to prepare for ministry and 1 young lady as well. Please pray for Zurich, John-Ray, Jethro, Craig and Jireh. We also had 3 baptized immediately following camp. A week later we held another camp for the youth of a mountain fellowship of churches. 5 churches sent a total of 80 youth. Provisions were a bit sparse, but their spirits soared at the opportunity to attend a camp. Many vital spiritual decisions were made that week as well. We decided that we will look for more ways and means to better support and encourage these mountain churches. Dan meets with their pastors each Monday for training in biblical theology, as many of these men are non-degreed lay-pastors.

In late April we took a short trip to Singapore, and had sweet fellowship with Pasir Panjang Christ Church. Edna had a PET scan and thorough check up, and as many of you know already (via FB and private emails) the specialist there said her "stage 4" cancer is now "contained." He said "this is highly unusual, there must be a God factor." Indeed! The scans and thorough blood tests and tumor markers showed a completely negative result, but he preferred the term "contained." We are just rejoicing, and so are our two homeopathic doctors here in the Philippines, as well as our general doctor and oncologist here. We will stay the homeopathic course and are SO thankful for your prayers. The Lord has indeed answered prayer and we have found that simple diet changes can make a big difference. Edna's femur is almost completely healed, she walks with the assistance of only one crutch and is back to normal days of activities and responsibilities.

Following that good news, we had a wonderful visit from our son Joseph and his family. His wife, Kristin, traveled for her first time overseas. Our daughter Anna Rose accompanied them as well. It was the first time for us to be with our grandbaby Olivia, and renewed acquaintance with our grandson Matthew. The Lord provided for several lovely days at the coast and safety in traveling home. (We are presently under marital law). We did see some evidence of the Philippine military guarding various areas. It did give us a renewed sense of security to see how this new gov't is handling terrorists and lawless ones who would destroy our peace and security. Please continue to pray for the new president here, President Duterte, as

we here pray for President Trump.

The month of May brought "In Service Training" for our school staff. This year 2 male teachers and 3 female teachers accepted Christ and are now faithfully attending our services, like the rest of our faculty and staff. This June brought a total enrollment of 295 students to CICS (Casisang International Christian School). 3 weeks before school opened our original building was demolished due to the request of the city to extend and widen the road next to our property. You can only imagine how difficult to lose 3 classrooms and our canteen, 3 weeks before school opens. We were already in the middle of another construction project of putting up a new Kindergarten building. God is faithful and our students and parents are being very cooperative and giving as well. 4 high school classes are meeting in a shared rooms (two classes per room). Another two classes, 7th and 9th grade are meeting in a temporary area on what was our basketball court. Classes continue, as does construction for at least two more rooms to accommodate those grades. Please pray for these four very needful construction projects:

1. Our church building – services were being held also in that same multi-purpose area, now becoming classrooms. We have progressed with retaining wall and posts, but the financial need is still great to see at least a floor laid and roof to cover our heads, so that we may use the area for services.
2. Our new Kindergarten facility – We have 124 kindergarten students, a tremendous opportunity for reaching families for Christ. Several of the parents accepted Christ the first few weeks of school! Our space is so limited, the parking is a challenge as these classes meet in a building in our back yard. We need the new facility on our church property!
3. Additional High School classrooms – we need to have separate classrooms for each year.
4. Our "Continuing Education for Pastors" facility...since our school has grown we no longer have adequate space for our quarterly ministry to area pastors. We are building a simple dormitory type facility to house them, as many travel from great distances for this quarterly training. Our church members provide for the pastors' meals and snacks.

Our own hearts were touched to do more. Just last week we cut and harvested one of our tree farm areas and donated all the wood to the construction. Church members and school parents are giving. You are each an important link to the throne of God. Souls are being saved, new Christians are being discipled, pastors are being encouraged which impact other churches. This is a GREAT work and we are so in need of your prayer support, and as God touches your hearts, consider giving as well, to these construction needs.

God bless each of you as well,

Dan and Edna

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