



THE CATRIZ FAMILY

Missionary to the Philippines



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Dear Praying Partners,

Greetings and a blessed New Year to all of you. May this letter reach you in good health and enjoying the blessings of God.

“And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.”

This was our earnest prayer and theme verse at the beginning of the new year. We thought it appropriate to begin the year imploring God for more blessing this year as we spent time in fasting in prayer. May the Lord's continuous blessing be upon you also this 2016.

This is also a good time to recall His past blessings so as to provoke us to praise and glorify Him more in our lives. Truly we can say God is faithful to us in the past so He will be faithful to us in 2016. Ps 119:90 says, “Thy faithfulness is unto all generations”

First of all, I want to thank you so much for all the years that you have been faithful in supporting our ministry here in the Philippines up to the present. It's a great blessing indeed for your partnership helped us to accomplish God's work in this part of the world. Whatever things that have done was made possible through your prayers and support. We praised God for you being our co-laborers in Christ.

It's a great privilege indeed to serve God in the ministry especially as we see souls being saved and grow in the Lord. Truly our labor is not in vain as the Lord promised to bless our effort done for Him.

We are happy to open new outreach at nearby town of Castillejos as the Lord opened an opportunity for outreach Bible Study last September. One family member (Sis. May Orcullo) transferred to that area and opened her house for Bible Study to start a work there. Then she invited her neighbors to attend the home bible study and after several weekly sessions many of her neighbors accepted the Lord as their Savior. But due to limited space in her house, we conducted our Bible Study outside her home which is little bit uncomfortable to us especially as the sun is still shining and no shade to use. At one time we did our Bible study inside our Church jitney to have shade and bench to use for bible study. But we are happy that there are several believers that are attending the Bible study as a start. We hope to



reach more people in the neighborhood and possibly to start a Mission Church there.

Another Mission outreach was opened in WEA homes, a relocation site in Subic, Zambales. My close relatives who lives there offered their place so we could conduct Bible Study in their house every Saturday morning. We began to conduct outreach Bible study there last September with only two families attending. But it later grew to several families including my relatives. Many of them



received Christ as Savior. I'm glad that I was able to reach my relative with the Gospel and they received Christ as their Savior also.

We launched out also a feeding ministry for children so that we can reach the children with the Gospel.



There were about 30 children coming every Saturday for feeding. Last December 19, we held a Christmas party for kids where there were more than 60 children came as well as some of the parents. Before the party ended we presented the Christmas story and invited them to received Christ as their Lord and Savior. Many received Christ as Savior as we led them on the sinners prayer. Though not all, some of them are now coming to Church every Sunday.

Violy is still busy in her dressmaking ministry especially as she was given a weekly teaching opportunity at a public high school to teach dressmaking skills. She is teaching senior high school students in their home economic subject every Monday. But due to limited machines they used at school, they even come to our house on separate days to be taught by my wife. Thanks to the additional sewing machines Sis. Starr Bettis from



Vermont sent us last December. Those were greatly used in her dressmaking ministry. Violy was happy for many of her students were interested and are really learning the skill. One of them even won an inter school competition on dressmaking. But most of all she was able to share the Gospel to these students also. Many of them received Christ as Savior and started to come to Church. They were also very thankful to my wife's patience in teaching them. We hope she can again teach more students next year.

We are very thankful to God for using someone to buy us a parcel of land where we can build our own house. For many years, and up to the present we are still renting a separate house as our residence since we don't own a house yet. But it has been our longing and prayer to God for many years because it's a struggle on our part to rent and to move from one place to another. Praise God the Lord put the burden in the heart of one of my supporter and helped us to buy a property. We were very happy for the property. It's an answer to prayers. We don't have the money yet to build the house but it's a stepping stone for us to build hopefully in the near future. Help us in prayer for this as well.

We have now started working on building the Sunday School Room at the back of our Church building since last month. We praise God for the initial fund provided by one of my supporters. We have already put up the floorings and the beams in preparation for building the second floor. But the work is temporarily stopped due to lack of funds. We will resume it as the Lord provides the needed fund. We still need still need at least \$5,000 or more to finished the whole project. Please pray for God's provision for these need.



"Jesus Christ the same Yesterday, and today and forever."

We can face this year with so much hope knowing the same God who carried us through 2015 is the same God who will carry us through in 2016. God bless you all.

"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." **–Numbers 6:24-26**

Because of Calvary,
Manuel, Violeta, Hannahneel, Joyce, Karen & Precious