



THE CATRIZ FAMILY

Missionary to the Philippines



July Report

Dear Faithful Praying Partners,

Greetings to you all from Subic, Philippines. May this letter find you in good health and doing well. Time slipped so fast that I realized we are on the second half of 2015. Rainy season has now come here in our country so we are happy to be eased from scorching heat last summer.

For us here, we are all doing fine and in good health although I am still bothered occasionally by knee problem. But I thank God I can still stand and walk and able to do my ministerial duties, though with some limitation.

My family is okay. Violy is doing fine and still active in the dressmaking ministry teaching new students how to make dresses. Most of them are ladies from our Cawag Church who comes to our house in Subic to be trained by her. Now they are being trained in Cawag itself as we gave them a high speed sewing machine for training purposes. She is also leading our adult ladies group in visitation and prayer fellowship. We are happy for some ladies in our church that set aside time to go with her in visitation and prayer fellowship.

My daughters are all doing fine. They are all now working in Manila except Hannah, our eldest who is working as online English teacher at SBMA, Subic. Joyce, our second and Precious our youngest are working as call center agent in Manila. Karen was recently employed as Midwife in a small lying-in Clinic in Manila. They are already staying there since they were employed. I and my wife are little bit lonely since they were separated from us because of their job. But we are happy, that they were able to get a job now that they already finished their schooling. We pray for Precious as she is about to take a licensure examination in architecture on January next year.

Last Month, our hearts was saddened by the passing of Sister Vicky, wife of my brother in Bulacan, Pastor Elorde Catriz. She died last June 22 of lymphoma after struggling from pain for several months. Though grieved, we were thankful that she is now being comforted in heaven. We were thankful that the Lord used that opportunity for hundreds of people to hear the Gospel during the funeral service. I had the opportunity to preach twice during the funeral. I believed many get saved during the invitation. Her life was an inspiration to many believers and also to us so we will really missed her.

Last May 1, our church celebrated our 25th year anniversary with flying colors. We praised God that our church reached our silver anniversary through thick and thin. It's truly by God's grace that we were able to reach that year. We thank God that through this ministry, we're able to start other churches as well. During the celebration several visitors came so they were able to hear the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ. There were twelve people that received Christ as Savior.

We are thankful also that we were able to replace the old roofing of the church and put a new ceiling on it so it's nicer and cooler now than before. But as you see on the picture it's not fully finished because of insufficient fund. But I thank God for those supporting churches that contributes some funds for upgrading of our church building. May the Lord bless you all.

We are also praying to finish the back part of our auditorium to be used for Sunday school rooms and other use. We need at least \$7,000 to finish it. Our church lacked facility for children Sunday school classes so our teachers are just conducting their classes at the side of the church or church garage. It would be a great if we can finish the building so we will have a good facility to use most especially during this time of rainy season.

Last April, I officiated another mass wedding for seven couples that decided to make their relationship right now that they are believers in Jesus Christ. This time the wedding was held at our Church in Cawag for most of the couples that I married came there. Five are from Cawag Church and two are from our Church. Most of those couple were newly baptized believers and were very excited for their wedding. The wedding was attended by relatives of the couples so we made it an evangelistic service also for the visitors to be able to hear the Gospel. Several among the visitors received Christ as their Savior as I lead them on sinner's prayer.

We thank God for our church in Cawag who is growing with more visitors come every Sunday. The members are very active in inviting visitors to come every Sunday. They have a rule that no visitors will come out of the Church without hearing the presentation of the Gospel shared by one of the members of the Church. This resulted to several professions of faith in the past several months. Although not all are coming back to the Church, at least the seed of the Gospel have been planted. Their soul winning visitation also every Sunday afternoon brings good results as they won more souls to Christ. They have also baptized converts in the past several weeks.

But as expected, the devil is not happy for what is happening in the church so he will do all he can to destroy the church. Recently, the church had experienced some shaking due to a serious problems caused by one key member who committed immorality. Though this member denied the offense, there were strong evidences of the deed. Many members were offended especially those who are newly converted. It also caused stumbling on the people in the surrounding community where the Church is located because of the ruined testimony of this member. We pray that the Lord will convict this member and repent of her wrongdoing so she will be restored back to the fellowship of the Church.

I now fully endorsed our work in Candelaria to Ptr. Jerome Garcia, the local missionary of Bethany Baptist Church in Sta. Cruz, Zambales, and a town just next to Candelaria. He is starting an independent Baptist Church in Candelaria since last year. He was the same worker that I entrusted the work when I was in the States for furlough. I can no longer handle the work there due to the distance and difficulty in travel. We recently talked to one of our member there and he said that they are doing okay under the new leadership. Their Church has a steady growth as new members were added to the Church. They also celebrated their first Mission anniversary last June this year.

Our Church in Orani, Bataan, Celebrated also their 1st Church anniversary last July 7. It was celebrated under heavy rains so that the people found it hard to come. But they were able to come anyway including several visitors that were invited. We rejoiced after the service as there were 5 souls that received Christ as Savior. The church is still holding their services on the temporary structure built by Pastor Pastoral on a borrowed

property. They are praying that God will give them a permanent building where they can use for worship. Please pray for Pastor Pastoral also who is still recovering from a recent surgery due to cancer.

I have an added schedule right now as I enrolled on online Bible course at Faithful Bible College based in Texas. This is a ministry of Faithful Baptist Church that offers a free Bible College course to those who wants to further their studies. If I finished Lord willing, I will enroll also for the Master degree. I want to further my training in the ministry so I decided to enroll. At the same time, I am also teaching Bible subject in a Bible Seminary that our group of Pastors in Subic formed.

Please continue to pray for my health especially with regard to my present ailment. Thank you very much for your prayers and your faithful support of our ministry here. God bless you all.

Yours for Souls,

Manny, Violy, Hannah, Joyce, Karen and Precious



TBC Anniversary



World Missions Conference



Orani Bible Baptist Church



Tabernacle Baptist Mission, Cawag



TBC Mass Wedding



Dressmaking Ministry