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Dear Faithful Praying Partner,

Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Psalm 103:1

I praise the Lord for His goodness to us in good times and even in bad times as well. We may not understand his ways for His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts but we can be assured that His goodness and mercy will continue all the days of our lives. Praise God.

I am writing this letter in bed because I am having pain due to a swollen knee and foot. I can't stand or sit because the pain is aggravated as I do it. Pardon me for this.

Please pray for my health condition as I suffered from intermittent pain for the past several months due to severe osteoarthritis. It's getting worse, so that I can no longer walk even for a short distance and stand for a short period of time. The medicines (Pain relievers) that I am taking are no longer effective and can't stop the pain. Last month we went to the National Orthophedic Hospital in Manila for check up and the x rays revealed damaged cartilages on both knees so the doctor told me that the only permanent solution to my knees problem is to have TKR or total knee replacement surgery. I have no other option, but the problem is I can't afford it for I don't have comprehensive health insurance, only a government insurance that only gives a minimal discount.

The month of March to May was a busy schedule for me as I supervised the building of our house project at the lot we purchased. I praise the Lord, through the initial fund given, we were able to build the foundation and little of the main structure of the house. But it's still a long way to go, for the house being built still needs at least \$12000 or more to finish it. Thanks to Pastor Taylor of Victory Baptist Church who initiated the project upon knowing that I don't have a house of my own but just renting a house for years. Aside from giving the money to purchase a lot, he also gave the initial fund to build our house. Truly it's a great blessing for I can't afford to buy a house of my own. It's an answer to prayers. Praise God. May the Lord reward this labor of love.

Please pray for God's provision for our house project. It's our desire to occupy the house if possible this 2016 as the Lord provides to finish it. If you will, please consider to be a part of this project as this will serve as a lifetime benefit for me and my family.

Our ministry in Subic is doing fine though it's affected by my situation for I can't go out for our outreaches, Bible studies and visitation due to pain in walking. Our men and ladies that I trained in the Church became in charge of these activities. One family was added to the Church and 2 new members by baptism recently. My 2 nephews which were formerly a devout Catholic are now a member of our church after a long period of discipleship we conducted at their residence.

We praised God for our church in Cawag for the good things that are happening there. There were several new members added to the church by transfer and also by baptism. The signboard they put along the highway helps a lot for those Christians that are looking for a church to attend the Sunday service. During the month of March-April they baptized new believers for consecutive weeks. Last April 3, during the anniversary there were 12 professions of faith after the service.

I praised God also for improvements made to our Church building and other facility. Through members sacrifices and donations from other churches, the church building have been improved, so members were happy to see these improvements. The Sunday school room is 85-90 percent completed so it is ready to be used by August hopefully.

My family are doing fine. Violy 's health is good at the moment though last April she was rushed to the hospital after she collapsed as we were conducting outreach ministry in Mapanao area. There was no finding but we suspect that the prescribed medicine she took that morning caused her to faint. She continued the outreach ministry in Mapanao with two ladies of our Church teaching dressmaking, conducting Bible studies and feeding indigent children in the area. Two of my daughters, Joyce and Precious are still working in Manila but every other week they come home to be with us. Hannah is still working as an english teacher to Korean students at the former US Naval base in Olongapo while Karen helped her mom at the house while she is still waiting for opportunity to work as midwife.

I thank you as well as your church for your continuous support and prayers for the ministry here. May God's richest blessing be upon you and always.

Still Trusting In His care,

The Catriz (Manny, Violy, Hannah, Joyce, Karen & Precious)







