

# **CATRIZ FAMILY**

## **Missionary To The Philippines**

**April 2019**

Dear Faithful Praying Friends,

Ps 46:1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Joyful greetings to you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

How are you all? We pray that you all are fine and all in good health.

I apologize for a long delay of my report. I have been working on discipleship lesson material in the Filipino language since November which I am about to finish. Hopefully it will be completed on May or June. The Title is, "Gabay Sa Pagdidisipulo" (Guide to Discipleship) and contains 30 basic lessons and is about 50 pages long. I prepared this discipleship lessons in Filipino so they could be easily understood and used in discipleship training by members. I am already using this material with some of our members and so far I have already completed lessons on Salvation and Eternal Security of the believer. It is good and helpful material for growth and equipping of the believers in the ministry. They can also be used as follow up lessons for new believers to help them grow in the faith. I will introduce it also to our daughter churches as soon as it is completed so they can use it also in their discipleship program as well.



We thank God for His protection from the recent strong earthquake that struck Luzon 2 days ago. It was so strong (6.1 magnitude) and caused damages to both lives and many infrastructures in various areas of Luzon. Though we were very close to the epicenter (Castillejos, Zambales), we're thankful that there's not much damages on our area. My Daughter, who was working at former Clark Air base, barely escaped the collapse of the building she was working

in. It was Gods' providence that she logged out of the office an hour earlier due to Australian holiday, (she was working on an Australian company). If she had not left, she may have suffered serious injury or maybe worse than that. Thank God for His protection upon her.

For us here, we are doing fine and in good health though we are advancing in years and getting weaker as years passed by. By God's grace, we continue in our service to Him through thick and thin. My knees are still okay, and I can still move and fulfill my responsibilities.

All my daughters are also doing good and still with us except Joyce, who is working at former Clark Air Base in Pampanga, as a call center agent. She comes home every weekend. Right now, she is on forced leave due to the damaged building and will resume as soon as it is repaired. Precious is presently looking for work, as her contract with the school she was teaching had expired. She is presently on medication for kidney stones, though it's not serious. Hannah is still teaching at a Korean school at SBMA, while Karen is managing the gowns for rental and at same time, taking care of sales as well. They are still single but we desire and pray that they soon will have families. Our prayer is for each of them to find a good husband, and one that love the Lord.



The Lord's work is fine and we continued winning souls for Jesus. We thank God for the soul winning team that went out every Saturday on soul winning and conducting Bible Studies in various Barangay of Subic. Thank God for souls that have been saved and for these we rejoice.



We distributed also hundreds of Gospel tracts to various Barangays. Thank God for those that provides us English Gospel tracts for free. It is disappointing to see people received our tracts for free but throw them away instead of reading them. Truly we face disappointment in our effort to win people to Christ but that doesn't stop us from sharing the Gospel! (Gal.6:9)

Violy continues also in her dressmaking ministry. Recently she taught high school students on a nearby school dressmaking skills and uses it also as an opportunity to share the Gospel with them. This effort has yielded good results as some of the students were invited to the church and were able to hear God's Word. Many of them received Christ but not all have continued as Violy began to disciple them for growth.



We are also experiencing struggles in the ministry due to recent circumstances. Last February, many of our members who were employed at Hanjin Philippines were forced to resign from the company due to bankruptcy. Hanjin Philippines, which employed around 30-40,000 employees went bankrupt due to mismanagement and irregularities. This is a big blow to Subic economy and affects the ministry as well as many of our members who have lost their jobs. Please help us to pray for our unemployed members to find another job as soon as possible.



Our Cawag church was greatly affected also for most of the members there were former Hanjin employees and now they are struggling to find jobs. Some of them opted to go back to their home provinces to look for living.

Please pray for Pastor Arnold Andrade as he faces various struggles in his leadership. One of the key men and faithful member of the church, Bro. Bert Dacuyan backslid, and is becoming a menace to the church. He goes back to

drinking and always threatens Pastor Andrade every time he is drunk. But the church is doing fine despite this problem. Recently they put air conditioning into their church auditorium and finished the church extension building. Last April 14, they celebrated their first church anniversary as an organized independent church with success.



**It's hot and humid in Subic as summer season officially began in our country. It's getting uncomfortable especially at midday and even at night as temperature goes to 38-41 degrees Celsius and even higher in other areas. Thank God, in our church, we're able to install two (2) 5 horsepower split type air conditioners but it's still not enough to cool or offset the heat during summer season. We need (2) more units as we originally planned, but it's unfortunate that we were not able to raise the needed amount for 4 units due to the failure of some members to give their commitments for the project (due to loss of jobs). We need \$2,000 to buy (2) more air conditioning units. Please pray that we'll be able to install two more air conditioning before our church anniversary on May 26, next month.**



**If God's wills, we are considering opening another work in Lubao, Pampanga as the Lord leads. Please pray for God's direction, strength and provision for this desire and endeavor to be accomplished.**

**We are much grateful for all your prayers and support for our work here in the Philippines. Thanks for your faithfulness in the Lord. Thank you very much and may His grace and mercy continue to abound in you all. God richly bless you**

**All By His Grace,  
Bro. Manuel Catriz & Family**