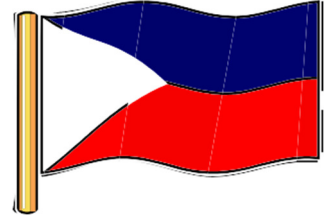


The Catriz Family  
Missionaries to the Philippines  
2021 End of Year Report



Dear Faithful Praying Friends,

*Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness Ps 65:11*

Greetings in Christ Name and blessed New Year to all of you. May the Lord continue to pour out His blessings upon you for the coming year.

We praised the Lord for His goodness and blessings He poured upon us in the past year and we trust to continue in the coming year. Though the past year was full of great challenges because of the pandemic, the Lord continues to be faithful and His love and mercy is everlasting.

We thank God for His goodness and protection upon us in the past year. The Lord by his grace, enabled us to survive the pandemic and no evil thing happened to us. We are all fine and no one among my family suffered sickness in the past year. We thanked God also that the pandemic brought my family closer together, for all our daughters are still with us, as all of them are working at home. Most of all, this pandemic brought us closer to the Lord.

My wife Violy is doing fine though she complains of body pain at times. But she is okay and busy caring for the plants and flowers that are blooming in her garden. Her garden became an added attraction to our house in our village so that she uses it as an opportunity to share the Gospel to neighbors that come to visit her garden. There were few ladies she won to the Lord as she witnessed to them in her garden. It became a prayer garden also as she and some ladies of our church joined together and prayed together every week in that garden. She disciple also those ladies before they prayed together for them to grow in the Lord. It was a truly a blessing to have that garden of prayer. I believed the Lord is also pouring out his blessings on us through that Garden of prayer.

I also am doing okay, though in the past several months I suffered from pain most of the time due to gouty arthritis so that I am not able to walk at times. But I thanked God that my infirmities don't stop me in ministering to my people. I still preach and teach my people though I can't stand for too long but just sit on a high chair most of the time behind the pulpit. But even with this suffering, the Lord continues to use me in a great way as I draw closer to God and begged His wisdom and power to rest on me, and He did, Praise God. The words of Paul echoed on my mind, *"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly*

*therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*  
2Co 12:9

We thanked God also for His continuous blessings upon the ministry despite of the Pandemic. First of all, I'm thankful for God's protection upon our members so that no one contracted the virus since it started. We begged God always for the health of our members and for them not to contract the disease for it will affect us all if it does. There were churches here that were closed down due to cases of covid among their members. We thanked God that now, the restrictions went down to level 3 and we can now worship with more freedom than before. We restored back also our Sunday School for adults and children, which we stopped before because of the pandemic. Some of our ladies also can do the children outreach outside our church with freedom. Thank God.

We also experienced revival in the past several months as we witnessed the salvation of many souls and the return of several backslidden members of the church. One of them is Bro. Joey who testified that he contracted covid while he was travelling with his fellow teachers for seminar. They were unaware that one of the teachers was covid positive. But he can't explain why he is the only one that contracted the disease while there were many of them in the van they were riding. So because of that he was isolated in a quarantine facility and experienced the symptom's of covid. It was there that he realized the Lord was dealing with him so he decided to return back to the Lord. We have 3 families also that returned back to the Lord and became active again in the Church. We prayed that more of them will return back to the fold. It's the result of the earnest prayer of God's people for backslidden members to return back to the Lord. We saw the hand of the Lord working in our midst even at the time of pandemic.

We still do soul winning though in a limited way because of the restrictions. So we carried out programs to reach out unbelievers with the Gospel of Christ. Last November, we have launched our "friend's day" so we could invite members friends to come to the church to hear the Gospel. There were several visitors came and 3 of them received Christ as Savior. This December, we gave out packs of groceries to indigent families in the surrounding areas, so that we will be able to reach them out with the Gospel and be saved. We required them to come to the church to hear the Gospel before they can receive the groceries. There were more than 50 souls received Christ as Savior. Heaven knows who of them are really saved.

We distributed also 7 sewing machines to Pastor's wives to help them also in their ministry to ladies. Thank God for Sis. Starr Betis Locke of Vermont for sending these machines to be of help to our ministry here.

I'm presently busy in the construction of the second floor of our residence, I hope we can finish it so that my daughters be relieved from the compact room they are using. We have only two room at the house, one for me and my wife, and the other is for our four daughters.

Please consider us in your prayers - for us to have an extra vehicle we can use for our people. My van which we use is no longer enough to accommodate them. We fetched our members from various areas because public vehicles are limited and also to avoid contracting the virus by mingling with other people. Our other vehicle is already damaged and still under repair so I let my van to be used for them.

Please pray for God's will for me with regard to my health condition. I'm hesitant to pursue knee replacement surgery but still seeking other alternative to be able to walk normally. Please pray for the Lord's leading on me in this matter.

Thank you very much for your faithfulness in helping us in our ministry here throughout the years. You are a great blessing to us that we cannot repay. We asked the Lord's favor and abundant blessing to be poured upon you always. God bless you all.

Because of Calvary,

*Bro. Manny, Violy, Hannah, Joyce, Karen and Precious*



Family Picture



First Sunday of the year service and Lord Supper



1<sup>st</sup> Batch of benevolence ministry recipients



Gospel preaching to recipients of B.M.