

THE CATRIZ FAMILY

Your Missionary To The Philippines

February-May Mission Report.

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1Co 15:57
How are you all? May you all be in good health and enjoying the blessings of the Lord

We are all okay and in good health by the grace of God. The pandemic here is slowing down so the government lifted up it's restriction to the lowest level so that the people are experiencing greater freedom for all ages. Our services are restored to it's full capacity due to the dropping of covid cases in our country. All ages are now allowed to come to the services including children and senior citizen as well. No restrictions in attendance and social distancing are no longer implemented except wearing of face mask. The situation in our country is almost brought back to normalcy. We hope this condition will keep going and no more future surges of covid cases.

My daughters (Joyce and Precious) working at home were also recalled by their company to work in their office at Clark Air base. Though they were regretful that they will no longer work at home but they were still thankful for more than two years of working at home. They saved money and enjoyed bonding with the family.

I and Violy are both doing okay, though we are experiencing health problems at times but we praised God that we can continue our service to God. We were thankful also to God for His grace in sustaining our companionship for the past 40 years. Last March 14, we celebrated our 40th year wedding anniversary. We felt we are getting closer to each other as the years passed by.

We are also thankful also for the progress we made at the second floor of our house. It is I think 60-70% completed as you can see in the picture. We temporarily stopped it for our funds have already been depleted. We (with the help of my daughters also) already spent roughly \$15,000 for the house but it is not finish yet. I and my daughters have exhausted means (through loans, savings, and sale of things at our house) to finish it but unfortunately not enough. We earnestly desire to finish it so that my daughters will have their own rooms to use and be relieved from crowding in one room at our house. Please include us in your prayers. We still need at least \$6-8,000 to finish the building. If you can help as you could that will be greatly appreciated.

The work of God is doing okay as well. We thank God also for the steady increase in our attendance during services and the victorious worship services we experienced in the past several weeks. We have visitors almost every Sunday as many people come and are eager to attend the worship services. We have witnessed several professions of faith from those visitors that attended and received Christ as their Savior. We restored back also our Sunday School for children as they are now allowed to attend church services.

We praised God also for the victory for the special events we have had in the past months at our Church. On the last Sunday of March, we conducted an evangelistic crusade at our church with the participation of the young people of Calvary Baptist Tabernacle, Olongapo City who provided the special music. Pastor Elmer Biado, our invited evangelist, preached a powerful message on "Why Jesus Came" and at the conclusion of the service, several young people responded to invitation and receive Christ as Savior. It was truly a blessed event and caused rejoicing to the people of our Church.

On April 10, our Church hosted again a Pastor and wives prayer fellowship where there were more than 30 Pastor's and wives attended the meeting. It's truly a great time for God's servants to fellowship together, and minister one to one another in prayer, and mutual encouragement. Truly *"How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity"* Ps. 133:1

On the 3rd month of May, we also hosted an Inter-Church conference for Young people at our Church and there were about 150 young people attended the conference coming from 7 Churches. Our auditorium was jam packed with young people, but thank God they were all accommodated and comfortable despite of the hot summer season owing to the air conditioning at our church. The conference was started at 9 am and ended at 4 pm and was conducted successfully throughout the period. Four Pastors spoke on our theme, "Youth With A Purpose" to challenge the young people to give their best for the Savior. I concluded the conference with an invitation to those who have not accepted Christ as Savior and praised God, there were five Young people responded and received Christ as Savior. My wife's nephew was one among them. We were joyful as we saw him prayed the sinner's prayer.

Another recent event that caused joy in our heart was during the ladies fellowship at our church on May 8, just after our afternoon service. It also coincides with Mother's Day celebration where they honored mothers that were present. We were surprised to see 15 or more mothers from our neighborhood attended the celebration. Most of them were invited by the ladies at our church, but some of those came just as they heard of the mother's day fellowship at our church. The meeting was cordial and was truly a blessing to all that attended the meeting. There were more than 40 ladies present during the fellowship which we considered the best ladies fellowship we ever had. Those visitors that came became our prospects in soul winning as our ladies come to their homes to share Christ.

We are thankful also for a peaceful conduct of our national election last May 9 and at last our people have chosen our President as well as our local officials. We pray that those elected will perform well their duty to the Filipino people to their utmost capacity and integrity. Our country is still in great poverty due to the widespread corruption in the government. Please pray for our country as well.

Please pray for the present needs of our ministry here. We are presently working on the church new rest room for the former were already dilapidated for long use. We will also build a small prophet chamber at our church which I desire to build for a long time so we could accommodate visiting missionaries as well. I raised more than \$3,000 as initial fund but I know it won't be enough owing to the rise up of construction materials at present in our country. We still need more or less \$2000 to finish it. Please pray for this need.

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in prayers and financial support. God bless you all.

Because Of Calvary,

Manny, Violy, Hannah, Joyce, Karen and Precious



Evangelistic Crusade



TBC Youth Conference 2022



TBC Ladies Fellowship



TBC Members Soulwinning In Action



February Baptism



Our House Second Floor Progress