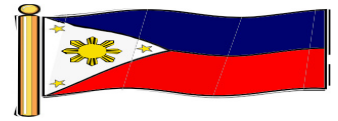


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## August Report

Dear Praying Friends And Faithful Partners In Christ,

"The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Ps. 126:3

Yes, the Lord has done great things for us that we can all be thankful for. How are you all? I hope you are all doing fine and all in good health.

First of all, thank you very much for your faithful support in our ministry here for many years. Thank you also for your prayers. We also pray to God for you all always.

My wife and I are doing fine, though we were sometimes bothered with health problems in the past days. But thank God that by his grace we continue to serve God through thick and thin.

Last Aug 7, I thank God for adding another year to my life as I celebrated my 65th birthday with my family and some Pastor's friend with their wives at the church. But I was



happy also that my members gave me an advance celebration on August 6. I thank God also for my wife Violy who will also celebrate her 69 birthday on August 30. But our members gave her also an advance celebration



yesterday after the service. God has been good to me in giving me a faithful partner in the ministry throughout the years. My daughters are all doing fine and are a great help also to me most especially in music ministry.

My two daughters, Joyce and Precious, always comes every Saturday from their work at Clark Air Base to be with us for Sunday Service.

The past several months were full of special events where we saw souls getting saved and baptized. Last June 6, we celebrated our 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary with our theme "Striving Together For The Faith Of The Gospel"

Our guest speaker challenged us to be more involved in soul



winning and to win more people to Christ. At the end of the service, many of the members recommitted their lives to the Lord. Thank God also for the 22 professions of faith from

the morning service and in the afternoon service. I was glad that our members brought their friends, and loved ones to come to the anniversary service to hear God's word and be saved.

On the third Sunday of June, I was delighted to see also several men visitors who attended our church service to celebrate Fathers Day as I challenged my members to invite unbelieving fathers to come to the service and celebrate Father's day and for them to hear the Word of God. I preached on "Transformed By The Grace Of God" based on the life of the maniac of Gadara who was transformed by the power of God. At the end of the service several of them received Christ as their Savior.



The Lord gave me also several opportunities to preach



God's word to unbelievers and to see them saved in schools, in birthdays and even at a funeral. At one time, I visited a church attender whose mother died of cancer.

During the wake, I was able to preach the Gospel to several of his relatives who were there and saw their attentiveness to hear God's word. After I preached, they all receive Christ as their Savior.

On August 4, it was my joy to marry a couple that I have won



to the Lord. They were living together for more than ten years and have two children from their union. After they got saved, I encouraged them to right their relationship now that

they are believers in Jesus Christ. I'm glad they agreed to my advice and decided to get married. On their wedding, they invited several of their friend so they can hear the words of God. So before I perform the ceremony, I preached first to the people the Gospel. They did not receive Christ as Savior, but at least the seed of the Gospel was sown in their hearts and let the Lord bring the results in their lives.



Several weeks after they got married, this couple together with their eldest daughter followed the Lord in water baptism and became members of our church.

Thank God also for several men of our church who are good preachers of the God's Word so that I have someone to



preach in my absence or in times of illness. During our Pastor's Sunday last August 6, four of our men volunteered to preach in marathon during AM and PM service. What a blessing and joy to hear them preach. I already assigned each of them to preach in our PM

service to be trained more in preaching. I'm praying hard that the Lord will call them in the ministry as well.

Seeing their potential, we made a decision to start a Bible Seminary at our church to equip them and prepare them for the ministry. With the help of some Pastors in the area, we started the Zambales Baptist Bible



Seminary last July that offers courses on Pastoral Theology and Christian Education. I was happy that there were 17 students that enrolled on first year, while there were 4 students in higher year that



enrolled also who were not able to continue their course in the previous seminary they studied. Last Tuesday, we awarded the modular certificate to 1<sup>st</sup> year students that finished the Basic Bible subject. I hope and pray that they will finish the whole course.

Please pray for the things we need for the seminary such as good color laser printer for lesson handouts we give to students and printing of certificates. I only use an inkjet printer that does not give lasting and quality printing. I need also a good computer, either a desktop or laptop which are reliable in computer works that I can also use in the seminary.

The Lord has blessed the church also with slow and steady increase in attendance. Many new members and even visitors are added to the services of the church every Sunday so that we have visitors almost every Sunday in the past months. The Lord blessed



also some of the members financially so that many of them was able to buy their own cars that they can use to come to the service. Because of this, the church parking

area was not enough to accommodate the cars that are being park in the parking area. Thank God, the subdivision owner permitted us to clear up the front area of the church so we could use it to park our cars. But we desire to buy a separate lot where we could use for parking space.

But as blessings comes, there come trials as well. A group of members in our church working on the same company shut down so that they all lost their job. Some of them found another job but most remain unemployed. Please pray that the Lord will provide another job for them also.

The coming months will be a challenging months for us as days are changing due to the changing economy. Inflation rate here is so high because of continued increase of fuel in our country. The economic situation looks depressing, but thank God, we look to our God who can help us in all situations and circumstances.

I believe this is happening in every country as the situation will get worse as Christ coming draws near. But as Jesus said in Lu 21:28, **"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."**

Again thank you very much for your continued partnership in our ministry here and please continue to pray for us. Thank you and Lord bless you all.

Till Jesus Comes,  
Bro. Manny, Violy, Hannah, Joyce, Karen and Precious