

March 4, 2017

Dearest Brother John and Sister Tracy,

May our gracious and compassionate Father in heaven continue to bless you with all the strength that you needed to keep on what you have been doing in His kingdom.



The month of February was a busy month for the work of the Lord here this year. We made and enjoyed a lot of preparations, communications, and trips. The We Care Ministries came here for two weeks, and we worked together with them in the spreading of the good news of salvation in different places. It was good to see again brothers Larry West, Bill Oden, and Steven Prine. Brothers Michael Perreras and Erben Gonzales whom I regularly work with in Calasiao are the staff of the We Care Ministries in the Philippines. We went to Isabela

province, which was a 10-hour bus ride from Calasiao, to train and help the brethren in teaching the gospel to their prospects. The host congregations were the Manaring church in Ilagan City and the Santiago church in Santiago City. Many brethren from different congregations came to attend the seminar and workshop. We enjoyed good fellowship and working together with them.



While someone was teaching the Christians on how to present the gospel to the lost, the rest of us grabbed the opportunity to teach the visitors who also came. We taught the gospel to many non-Christians both in Ilagan City and Santiago City. Also, after the seminar and workshop in both places, we went to visit and teach several prospects in their houses. They were hospitable and attentive in listening to the Word of God. Many of them decided to be baptized for the forgiveness

of their sins. I was given the opportunity to teach the power of God to salvation to 5 individuals, and glory be to God for their obedience to the gospel in baptism. They were Katrina Kaye Yanuaria, Ronald Wao, Juvy de Vera, Jomarie Locion, and Mark Joshua Gavina. When we were in Calasiao for the last two days of We Care Ministries in the Philippines, Lydia Mejia and Miranda Castro were also added to the family of God. Let us remember these new Christians in our prayers for their growth.

It was also a blessing to each of us that brothers Troy Albers and John Batchelder from Graeber Road congregation in Texas were able to come and work with us in the latter part of February until the first day of this month. Their passion, love, attitudes, and efforts are very encouraging and inspiring to us. They helped us



grow in the areas of leadership and Christian homes by sharing their knowledge from the Scriptures and life experiences. Everyone desires to improve and

be effective in their leadership and family roles. Both of the events and the lessons were well attended and received. There were over 90 adults and 30 children present on the Strong Christian Homes on Saturday. They came from six neighboring congregations. On the leadership class on



Monday, eight leadership lessons from the book of Nehemiah were presented. We had nearly 70 in attendance from two Bible schools and several congregations. We enjoyed everything in the said events. We learned a lot from the lessons presented. We edified

and encouraged each other through the inspiring messages of the songs that we sang led by several young men. We got to know and talk to those brethren whom we do not know yet. And we enjoyed good food and refreshments and wonderful fellowship.



On Sunday, brother John worshipped with us at Calasiao Town Proper while brother Troy went to worship with the brethren in Cabilocaaan. The Bible message and the lesson presented in the Bible class by brother John strengthened and encouraged the whole congregation at Town Proper. On Tuesday, we visited some of our sisters who are in need of encouragement. Brother Michael Perreras and I went with brother John to visit sisters Mercedes Salazar and Christine Caragay while brothers Erben Gonzales and David Quidem went with brother

Troy to visit sister Myra Gabriel. All three of these sisters were happy with our visit. They feel our love and concern to them. They may be undergoing some pressures, struggles, and problems in their lives. And we believe that our presence and conversation to them on that day brought an impact in their hearts.

Thank you very, very much for all that you do for us, your brethren in the Lord's family in this part of the world! Your love, prayers, concern, thoughtfulness, and support continue to motivate and inspire us in our walk with God and in doing His will for our family and all of His work here.

Yours because of Calvary,
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