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Dearest brother and sister in Christ,

May the Almighty Father in heaven guard you always against all dangers and strengthen you all with courage and knowledge.

Four typhoons hit our nation in October this year and they came almost weekly. Two of them passed through our province of Pangasinan that brought a lot of rain and caused flooding in several municipalities including Calasiao. The typhoons inundated fields and flattened crops in the disaster areas. The rice crops, which were ready for harvest, were drowned and damaged. In spite of all of this, we are grateful that none of us was harmed.



We are thankful for every opportunity given to us in seeking souls who are interested in studying the word of God. One of the prospects that we met in October is Imelda Velasco. She told us that she has been dealing with family problems for a very long time, and it seems to her that it is never ending. First, she said that her husband left them several years ago and never came back. Second, she has four grown-up children, all boys, but all of them are now in prison because of some criminal cases filed against them. We studied with her and encouraged her to never give up on God and her hope that someday things will get better for her and her family. She works abroad and now goes back there, but our communication and study still continues through social media. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. We are also studying with some others on a weekly basis.

To bring back to the fold those who have become unfaithful to the Lord is also one of our concerns



in the Lord's family. We give time every week to visit them and let them know that they are still loved and not forgotten. Eustaquio Untalan is one of the adult members that we visited this October. He appreciated our visit with him and said that one of these days he will attend again the assembly of the Lord's church. As we visited him, he told us what keeps him from attending the church services and we offered him suggestions that he may consider to address his problems. He also informed us that he continues to read his Bible and already finished reading the Old Testament books. In addition, two young people are also restored to continue their walk with Christ. They are Edwin Caraulia and John Medwin Panday. They were negatively influenced by their non-Christian friends and associates. However, whenever we see them, we always use the opportunity to talk to them and encourage them that the Lord and his family are waiting for their return. We are happy that they are active again in serving the Lord. We will continue our Bible study with them to strengthen their relationship with the Lord and increase their knowledge of the Scriptures.

We were blessed to lessen the sadness or sorrow of those who were at the Pedia ward and



strengthen them with hope and a cheerful outlook through our hospital visit last week. We read to them from the Scripture that God is the ultimate source of strength and encouragement in times of difficulties. We brought to their attention that the kind of love and care that God has for a man transcends the love and care that a man can give. After boosting their morale, we talked to the parents of the sick children who were watching them and asked them about the health conditions of their children and prayed for their fast

healing and recovery. We handed them tracts to read before we left, and some have consented that we can visit them to their house in the following days to get to know them further and for a possible Bible study.

We express our sincerest gratitude and appreciation from the bottom of our hearts for all that you have done and will still do for us and for the work of the Lord here. Our prayers and thoughts are with you often.

Yours because of Calvary,
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