

June 2, 2017

Dearest Brother John and Sister Tracy,

May the peace, grace, and bountiful blessings of God rest upon you always.



We spent much time in May on teaching and developing our relationship with our new brethren in the Lord's family. We taught, admonished, encouraged, motivated, and edified those who were baptized in April and in the preceding months of this year to be faithful to God, especially the teenagers who were recently added by the Lord to his body. We are so glad that they really wanted to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Most of these new Christians attend the church

services regularly despite the opposition of some of their family members who are Catholics. It continues to inspire us when they also call and encourage some of their friends and neighbors to study with us whenever we visit and teach them.



We are so happy and thankful that our continued prayers and visitation with the inactive members resulted in three restorations this May. They are sisters Helen Gonzaga, Purigel Malasan, and Jolina Barongan. We visited them and others for several times last month and in the previous months. We told them that as members of God's family, we often think and remember them in our prayers, and we miss and long for them every time we don't see them in the assembly, and so we constantly visit

them to see and talk to them personally. As we encouraged them to be open to us and tell us anything that they might want to share with us, they confessed that some of them have been dealing with marriage problems and health issues. We believe that the Scriptures and personal advices that we gave and shared with them have helped and encouraged them to properly deal with the challenges in their lives.



Let us all praise the Lord and rejoice with the angels in heaven for the baptism of two precious souls in May. They are Joemel Barte and May Ann Barte. Joemel and May Ann are husband and wife. They have two small children. We got to know



them through the help of a sister in Christ. While we were getting to know each other in our first meeting, they confessed that they were not yet married although they have been living together for years. As we

continued our Bible study with them in the following days, one of the many things that we studied and looked together at the Scriptures was the sanctity of marriage. When they understood clearly from the Word of God that they needed to make their relationship approved by God, they decided to get married in a few days. We assisted them in our own little way on their wedding. A day before their wedding, we visited and taught them the plan of God for their salvation. After our Bible study, they decided to be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins on the day of their wedding, right after the ceremony and reception.



We continue to reach out to the lost people in our community by teaching and preaching to them the power of God to salvation despite all the challenges that may come our way in so doing. We always seek the help and guidance of the Lord as we talk to people concerning their spiritual conditions. Our bonding and relationship as brothers and sisters in the Lord's household continue to be strengthened through our small groups. We meet once a week. We keep on praying, studying, singing, and edifying each other every time we meet. We also share with each other our life encounters and experiences

over the week to learn and pray for each other. It is our goal and prayer that we will continue to grow together spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and socially. And that many souls will be led to Christ in due time through the blessings of God on all our efforts to bring glory and honor to Him.

We are truly grateful and thankful in our hearts for all that you have already done and will continue to do for the work of the Lord here and our family.

It is our prayer that our merciful and loving Father in heaven will keep watching over you and He will keep you always in your well-being.

Our love to you, your family, and to the rest of our brethren there.

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