

January 31, 2016

Dearest brother John and sister Tracy,

The Lord is always good to all of us all the time. May His love and blessings continue to abound in us and may His hand continue to be our shield and strength against all odds.

We were blessed to encourage and pray for the patients who were at the surgical ward in our hospital visits this month. All the sick, guardians, and the nurses in three rooms were able to hear consoling and inspiring messages from the word of God. We also listened to the short stories of every patient why he/she was taken to that hospital when we came to talk and pray for them individually. We are so glad that we have already been able to visit some of them in their houses and got a schedule for Bible study once a week with some of their family members.



The Lord is always blessing our efforts in finding people who are seeking the will of God in their lives. We have several Bible studies scheduled in different villages in our town. We also set a schedule to continue teaching and strengthening those who were recently added to the Lord's family so that they would remain faithful in their service to God. Most of our prospects are composed of teenagers and young adults and the rest are adults. It is truly a blessing and a great joy to talk about Jesus and what he did for our salvation to those who have

open hearts and minds to listen and study the Scriptures with us. We pray as we continue to open and read the Bible with them that they will clearly understand and heed the urgent call of the gospel to their salvation.

Let us all rejoice with the angels in heaven over the three souls who were forgiven of their sins to walk in the newness of life this month. They are Josephine Toralba, Ryan Manongdo, and Jocelyn



Manongdo. Josephine is a friend of a faithful brother in Christ. When she visited and worshipped with us last year, we told her that we wanted to have a Bible study with her, but she was not yet willing and prepared to study with us. After a few weeks later, we decided to go and visit her to appreciate and encourage her to attend regularly our church services. On that visit, we had been able to study with her that opened her heart and mind to study more with us. When she decided to be immersed in water to contact the blood of Christ for the cleansing of her sins, she

got sick and her baptism was postponed. When she got better, she had to go to attend an important appointment in a faraway place. We thank the Lord that when she was back we finally baptized her on January 17 right after the church services. On the other hand, Ryan and Jocelyn Manongdo are

husband and wife. They have one child and the other is on its way in April, Lord willing. They came from another region to visit Ryan's sister, who is an active member of the Lord's church. They will stay here for a while. Jocelyn has been able to attend the Lord's church services for a couple times since they arrived here. We got to know them better when we visited them one time, and we learned that the parents and the youngest brother of Jocelyn were recently converted to Christ. Our conversation with them on that day led to a series of Bible studies until they both understood well the gospel and decided to die and be buried with Christ in baptism for the forgiveness of their sins on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month.



We appreciate so much all your love, care, prayers, and support for us and for the work of the Lord here. We have been able to keep all this work for the glory of God because of what you do and share with us. We keep you all, your congregation, and your loved ones in our prayers.

Yours because of Calvary,  
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