

January 3, 2017

Dearest Brother John and Sister Tracy,

I wish you all a Happy and Fruitful New Year with prayer and hope that the Lord will even more bless you this year. "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 2).



We thank the Lord always for the love that he has for all of us which continues to inspire and constrain us to tell and share it also with others. We are always filled with great joy whenever we see people give time and listen attentively to the greatest story ever told in the human history that Christ came down from heaven, took the human form, set a perfect example, endured all the pains and death on the cross, rose from the dead, and promised to come again. It adds up to our delight when those we are studying with tell and invite also their loved ones and neighbors to join us as we explore the depths and riches of God's love in saving man from eternal destruction. It is our hope and prayer that God will continue to bless us with knowledge and wisdom and sustain our strength this brand new year to teach and lead more people to Jesus for their salvation.



The December holidays gave also our congregation an opportunity to have recreational activities. We were able to spend time to get to know more each other. We sang hymns and spiritual songs. We prayed and encouraged each other to remain faithful in our service to the Lord and his church. We all enjoyed ourselves. Adults, teenagers, and kids had participated in all the activities which were geared towards building trust, understanding the importance of good communication, and developing stronger teams. It was really fun, and the fellowship helped us build our relationship stronger as members of God's family.



We greatly rejoice with all the angels in heaven for the two precious souls saved by the Lord and added to his church last month. Our new brother and sister in Christ are Albert Naciloan and Purigel Malasan. Both of them were raised Catholic. Upon clearly understanding that Christ is the only Mediator between God and man and that it is his blood that cleanses man's sins and not man's goodness and good works, they both decided to

get into the water to be baptized in the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection for the forgiveness of their sins. We pray that God will continue to bring forth more fruit this year and onwards through the sowing of the seed of salvation in the hearts of those we meet and study with.

Thank you all very much for everything that you have done and shared with us for all the work of the Lord here in 2016. May the Lord continue to bless us with many more opportunities to serve in his kingdom this 2017 and may he strengthen more our relationship as we keep on working together in his great vineyard.

Yours because of Calvary,
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