

January 2019

Dear Pastors, Supporting Churches, and Praying Friends,

My family and I want to say thank you to those who sent Christmas cards and gifts to our family! It came at a great time and was a wonderful encouragement!

At the end of January, Vashtee and I will be flying to Guyana, South America to formally hand Faith Baptist Church over to a Guyanese national named Pastor Dwayne Daniels. Pastor Daniels has been faithful in leading the church and leading folks to the Lord. The church family has learned to take steps of faith and walk on their own by being faithful in church attendance, going soul winning, sending the youth to camp, and financially supporting themselves! We thank the Lord there will continue to be an indigenous New Testament Baptist church honoring the Lord in Guyana! Thank you to the many churches and individuals that made it possible for all of this to happen to the glory of God!

We are looking forward to presenting the church planting ministry of the Philippines throughout 2019. We have openings in our schedule if you would like for us to come and present this next chapter of missions for our family. I believe it is an exciting opportunity to impact 17 churches across the Philippines on a monthly basis! As I write the first prayer letter of 2019, I am reminded of the phrase in Jude 22, "...making a difference." Multiple times per week I am communicating with our church planters in the Philippines and seeing the pictures and hearing the stories that they are sharing of how they are truly making a difference!

Praise Report

- Pastor Sam Medina of Christian Baptist Church in Station Maria, Bulacan, had five first time visitors for the Sunday morning service who responded at the invitation and asked the Lord to save them!
- Pastor Nelvin Mortega notified me of a discipleship class he was conducting with Brother Gerardo "Gerry" Flores. He was a former hitman in the Philippines. I have been asked not to share his picture on social media due to safety concerns for his family. On November 3rd, 2018, Brother Flores and his wife received the Lord as their Saviour!
- Christian Baptist Church with Pastor Benjo Alarcon in San Vicente has purchased 350 square meters of land! Construction begins in February, and the building will be dedicated on May 6th.
- A Sunday school class in a supporting church volunteered to purchase a new chainsaw to be used for the construction of churches across the Philippines!

Looking unto Jesus,
Joshua Rhoades
Jude 22 "Making A Difference"



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Prayer Requests

- We will be having a three-day youth camp at the Emmaus Bible Camp in Malolas City, Bulacan. The goal is to bring 200 youths from a host of churches across the Philippines. The cost is \$30 per youth. The cost includes three meals a day, multiple evangelistic services per day, and great competitions and games. It will be an evangelistic outreach, and I am told that there will youth attending that are used to eating only one meal a day. We are truly blessed here in America. We are asking if you would prayerfully consider sponsoring a youth for \$30 or more. Perhaps a teenager would like to sponsor a teenager in the Philippines or a Sunday school class would sponsor a group to attend from the Philippines. We are praying for many souls to be saved at camp this May! I am looking forward to sharing pictures of those who will be born again because of your eternal investment!
- Pastor Elmar Ritual of Christian Baptist Mission in Bonbon, Panukulan, Quezon, is pastoring a new church plant that is running 25-30 people. He has an opportunity to purchase to 700 square meters of land near the seaside for \$6,000 U.S. dollars. Pastor Ritual was excited to tell me that there are trees on the property that would be cut down and used to build their church building! Please pray about making a difference and giving financially for this property to be purchased. The pictures below are of the property and Pastor Elmar Ritual.

