

June 2020

Dear Pastors, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

What a joy for us to be back traveling to present the Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry! This month, we have been blessed to present at churches in North Carolina and West Virginia. Our schedule is starting to fill back up. We are thankful for meetings scheduled for this month and even meetings planned for April 2021! I look forward to my next opportunity to travel to the Philippines in 2021. I am praying and seeking to raise the \$1,500 for my trip and expenses for that trip. Lord willing, I'll stay for 3-4 weeks in the Philippines preaching in the many churches of the FBCPM. If you would like to help make that trip possible, please mail the funds to WWTNBM and write "Philippine Trip" in the memo.

COVID-19 has really impacted the Philippines. I believe the reaction of their government is causing greater problems and harm than COVID-19 itself. Pastor Medina shared the following with me:

*"Our political and economic situation is getting worse because of the incapability of those in the government to control the pandemic. It is very discouraging that the churches were left closed, while all the establishments were left open. Our churches are greatly affected, and the internet is the only avenue to do the church services. I believe we will go back to a stricter quarantine because of the mishandled cases of COVID-19 in the provinces."*

Some of the pastors have been able to make specific visits to church members' homes to do a Bible study, though they aren't able to have regular church services. Pastor Nelvin Mortega sent pictures to me of a Bible study he conducted at a church member's home, and seven precious folks were born again. Amid extreme circumstances, the Gospel is still preached! Pastor Hubert Hernandez, from one of the new churches that have been planted, sent pictures of a Bible study he conducted at a church member's home and notified me the number of people attending the Bible study is growing! Praise the Lord! Please keep Pastor Sammy Medina, the pastors of the Faith Baptist Church, and families in your prayers as they continue to seek to share the Gospel in difficult circumstances due to COVID-19, their government's handling, and enforcing of quarantine across the country.

Please pray for the Lord to fill our schedule for the remainder of 2020 and into 2021. We thank the Lord for increasing our family's support to 39%! Hallelujah! We look forward to the Lord continuing to open doors of opportunity and to magnify Who He is!

Looking unto Jesus,

Joshua Rhoades, Ephesians 3:20-21

The link to our ministry presentation video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjapm3uMdeA&t=1s>



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Pastor Nelvin Mortega (in the black mask) at a church member's house for Bible study.



Pastor Hubert (back to the camera) holding another Bible study.