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Dear Pastors, Friends, and Supporting Churches

Our family wants to say thank you for the prayers and sacrifices that have been made for our faithful financial support! I am reminded of how Psalms 37:25 states, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." Glory Hallelujah for the fact that the Lord is still in charge!

This past week, Pastor Sammy Medina and several other pastors returned from a trip to Polilio Island. Oh, what took place on that trip was amazing! After a four-hour boat ride across the open ocean, they arrived at the village of Bonbon on Polilio Island. The local officials let them know that they would be quarantined at the church building for two weeks. This was unexpected since no one had symptoms of COVID-19, and they had the proper paperwork to travel.

Nonetheless, Pastor Medina and other pastors spent two weeks at Pastor Elmar Ritual's church building. I was amazed to hear that the church people still came to the services. The difference was that the church family was not allowed inside the church building but stood outside the bamboo/stick-built hut and listened to the Word of God preached by the pastors inside the church building! They stood in the heat and sang the old hymns of the faith. They stood the entire time the pastors preached! Glory to God for dedicated saints of God determined to be faithful to the local church! An additional blessing is that a young man who was trained in the Bible college was brought to assist Pastor Elmar with the church!

Thank you for your prayers for our family! This past month, Mrs. Vashtee had a case of bronchitis but tested negative for COVID-19. Please pray for her as she recovers from bronchitis. We had the honor to travel to Yarmouth, Maine, and be with Pastor Brook Suttles at Royal River Baptist Church. We are deeply grateful for their hospitality to us! My parents are members of that church and mighty excited to spend time with the grandkids. We have been blessed this past month to travel to churches in North and South Carolina to present the Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry! We are very grateful for these opportunities and fervently pray for the Lord to continue to fill our schedule to present this church planting ministry!

Thank you for being dear friends to our family and the families of the Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry,

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Ephesians 3:20-21



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