

## Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry 2738 S. Post Road Shelby, NC 28152 Church – 704-487-0006 e-mail – info@fbcofshelby.org

## Dear Pastors, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

We are thankful that 2021 has started! There are new church buildings being built, new Sunday school rooms being constructed new believers being baptized and sustained growth in new church plants taking place across the Philippines with the Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry!

One of the churches that I visited on my trips to the Philippines, was located at the Tagles Village, Capitangan Abucay, Bataan. Pastor Tom Geuvarra had started a church in his living room. It had grown and had now been meeting in a 3 sided, makeshift hut to hold more people that had been attending the church. Where they sat, was once a place where trash was piled and burnt for the neighborhood. Pastor Tom met with the community and received permission to clean the concrete basketball pad. They removed the large pile of community trash, burnt plastic containers and smelly diapers to a different location. The Lord blessed Pastor Tom and church family's efforts under that 3 sided makeshift tent! As I type this letter, they have poured the footers at a piece of property, started erecting the rebar for the columns and are "digging the ground for the comfort rooms" as Pastor Guevarra text me. 2021 is going to be a year of growth!

Pastor Benjo Alarcon is pastoring in the Padara Community. The Lord has been blessing this church, even in the midst of the government enforcement quarantine. Pastor Benjo has begun the construction of Sunday school rooms for his church family. The number of people have been growing, included with that number is a growing number of children! Pastor Benjo and the men in his church are working to complete the construction of the Sunday school area as soon as possible! What a blessing that the Gospel being preached, souls being saved and baptized, needing more room is taking place! Thank you for partnering with the Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry! Your financial assistance and prayers to help this construction be made possible is resulting in eternal returns!

On my second trip to the Philippines, I was honored to visit Pastor Balanquit in the village of Kinlageti. As the result of Pastor Balanquit Sr.'s faithfulness these many years, his son and others are pastoring and in full time Christian ministry across the Philippines. This past week, Pastor Balanquit Sr. had the joy of baptizing several new believers of his church! Glory to God!

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for the Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry! Souls being saved, new believers being baptized, new church buildings being constructed, church building being expanded! Hallelujah! The devil is a liar!

Looking unto Jesus,

Joshua Rhoades, Field Director, Ephesians 3:20-21



The Construction at Pastor Benjo Alarcon's church in Padara. The new Sunday school classrooms are greatly needed and will be used in a great way for the Lord!



Pastor Tom Guevarra and men working on the construction for their new church building! This new church building will double his capacity with room to build on as the church continues to grow!



Pastor Domingo Balanquit baptizing the new believers at the Polilio Island! Publicly identifying with Christ in the Pacific Ocean!