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Dear Pastors, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

We are thanking the Lord for a blessed two-week trip to the Philippines! The Lord blessed the Pastor/Workers Conference! The Lord allowed for several precious moments to be shared on the trip! 8 precious folks were born again while we were out on visitation and soul winning! Throughout the trip, several characteristics were displayed:

I. Fruitful

1. Pastor Elmar and Pastor Jerime Valderama of Polilio Island have been moved to help Pastor Joseph Daigo in San Narciso resulting in the growth of the church doing soulwinning/discipleship.
2. Pastor Elmar and Pastor Jerime Valderama are bringing 15 people to Pastor Joseph's church.
3. The goal is for these two young men to have enough to start an extension church further down the road where they are picking these folks up.
4. One of the men that got saved from Pastor Elmar's route has come forward in wanting to give land for a temporary bamboo/wood hut to be built to have a possible new church planted.
5. Great opportunity for a new church plant with the group of 15!

II. Fortitude

1. Brother Lawrence Nieva has taken Pastor Elmar's spot in Bonbon and has been busy building hollow concrete blocks to build a closed in wall about the bonbon property.
2. The block will prevent the erosion from being so close to the ocean and all that takes place during typhoons.
3. Pastor Sammy has said that building a strong church structure with metal roof at Bonbon is the next building project.
4. He will need to transport the metal roofing to bonbon by boat and will have to paint with Rust protection due to the saltwater.

III. Focus

1. It was a great blessing to see Pastor Winsly at the conference, who is seeking to plant a church at Matangkap, on Polilio Island.
2. He brought several men with him that he had led to the Lord! Pastor Winsly is meeting in a wooden shack for free to have church services, while looking for land/location more long-term use.

#### IV. Future

1. In 2024, Pastor Sammy is looking to possibly add 4 more men to the ministry per budget allowance.
2. Brother Mark Andrew Francisco (35 years old, strong faithful church member, active in church)
3. Brother Larry Macayaon will be retiring from engineering, will still have to work after retirement.
4. Pastor Sam says he is looking at several young men in the churches of the FBCPM to possibly add them in 2024.

#### V. Fearless:

1. New Church Launch January 2024!!!
2. Pastor Nelvin announced at Pastor Workers Conference the Lord is leading him to plant a church in Mangatarem with a population of 70,000+ people.
3. The town is about 30 minutes from Pastor Dante Mendoza's location at Bugallon, Pangasinan in the northern part of Luzon Island.
4. It's about 2 ½ hours from Santa Maria with Pastor Sammy. Pastor Nelvin Mortega texted me that Romans 1:14-16, which states:

“I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” is the passage of Scripture that confirms for him, his call to plant a church.

- Pastor Nelvin texted me that after reading that passage "I am now convinced to go and pay my debt. I AM A DEBTOR."
- Pastor Sammy announced that Pastor Nelvin will go in January and plant a church before he gets married to Pastor Sammy's daughter, Krystel.

#### VI. Finishing Well

1. During the Pastor/Workers Conference, Pastor Sam had the pastors take turns to give updates on all the Lord has them doing at their church or how they are ministering where they have been assigned.
2. On the first day, Pastor Sam called for Pastor Domingo Balanquit or as we call him, Pastor Dome, to come give an update. I believe he is 76 years old, and his health is not good. I watched him run from his seat to the pulpit and give a very charged and excited report to the congregation. He spoke Tagalog, but his fervor, zeal and passion was obvious.
3. The second day, Pastor Sam was calling the remaining pastors to come give updates. When one of the other pastors was finished and walking down to his seat, Pastor Dome ran back to the pulpit and continued to give the same fervor, zeal, and passion that he displayed the day before. While Pastor Dome was speaking, Pastor Sam turned to the other preachers and quietly asked what Pastor Dome was doing. They had the same blank expression that I had; they had no idea. That afternoon Pastor Sam asked Pastor Dome why he ran back up there to speak. Without missing a beat, Pastor Dome replied, “I Wasn’t Done Yet”!!! Pray for Pastor Dome as he now stays in Santa Maria with Pastor Sam.

Conclusion: Pastor Sam met a gentleman while traveling and as Pastor Sammy began to witness to him, the man asked where his church was at. Pastor Sammy gave the man the directions and the man lit up and smiled and said... “I know where your church is! It the building where the light is always on”!

- By the grace of God, The Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry has always been keeping the light on by going sharing the Gospel with the whosoever wills in the police station, the schools, the homes of the rich and poor, in the cities, jungles, forest and countryside!
- Keeping the light on with conducting Bible studies, having baptism services, training the next generation of church planters in the Bible college at Christian Baptist Church in Santa Maria!
- Keeping the light on with instruction and concentration on their walk with God, way with God, worship to God being anointed by the Spirit of God.
- Keeping the light on with one-on-one training with technical skills for construction, welding and logistics planning with the Word of God
- Keeping the light on by teaching them to: work, then work hard, work long, and work wise!

All these activities to have the ministry continue in following the instructions of I Timothy 4:5 “But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”

Thank you for giving to and praying for the Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry!

Looking unto Jesus,

Joshua Rhoades, Ephesians 3:20-21,

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