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Dear Pastors, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

We hope this letter finds you all in great health and joy as you continue in your faith and service to the Lord. We are writing with deep gratitude for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support for the Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry. Your faithfulness has been a tremendous blessing, enabling us to press forward in the work God has called us to do. The month of January always begins on a high note for us. On January 12, 2023, the Philippine government officially designated "National Baptist Day" with Republic Act No. 11897, celebrated annually on the second Thursday of January. This year's event was nothing short of extraordinary. Pastor Sammy Medina extended an invitation to many Baptist churches to gather at a large pavilion for a celebration with the theme, "Do That Which Is Good," based on Romans 13:3. Over 1,100 people from more than 35 churches attended this gathering, making it a time that honored the Lord and proclaimed the Gospel to all present. Praise the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness! As we look ahead to the spring, we are excited about the plans God has laid before us. Pastor Sammy Medina is preparing to go to the Quezon Province to start another new church and a Bible institute. This endeavor aims to train young people for service to the Lord. We ask for your prayers as he undertakes this significant mission. Additionally, it is heartening to see new Bible studies being initiated. Pastor Elmer, Pastor Jerime Valderama, and Pastor Daigo have started Bible studies in the Abuyon-San Narciso area of Quezon Province. Similarly, Pastors Suedy, Symer, and Boglosa are planting seeds of faith through Bible studies in the towns of Dumangas and Zarraga. In February, Pastor Goodman and several other pastors will join Pastor Sammy Medina for a Pastor/Workers conference at Christian Baptist Church in Santa Maria, Bulacan. This will be a time of powerful preaching, encouragement, and fellowship as pastors and church members from across the Philippines come together to be refreshed and equipped for ministry. As we look toward 2025, we are filled with anticipation and hope. More men are being called to launch out into the deep and plant churches across the Philippines through the Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry. We covet your prayers as these men seek to fulfill God's calling to spread the Gospel and disciple believers in new communities. Your partnership in this ministry is a testimony of God's provision. If you or anyone you know would like us to come and present this church planting ministry to your church family, please feel free to contact Faith Baptist Church at (704) 487-0006 or my cell phone at (704) 300-7247.

Looking unto Jesus,

Joshua Rhoades, Ephesians 3:20-21

Dr. J. Barry Goodman

Pastor Sammy Medina

Bro. Joshua Rhoades

Pastor

National Director

Field Director



Pastor Sammy Medina preaching at the Baptist Ministers Fellowship in Santa Maria, Bulacan, Philippines.



A little over 1,100 church members from the 36 churches of the Baptist Ministers Fellowship attended Baptist Day, commemorating the 127 years that Baptists have been impacting the Philippine nation to God's glory.





Over 1,100 church members attended the Baptist Day Celebration from 36 churches in the Bulacan Region that are part of the Baptist Ministers Fellowship that Pastor Sammy Medina started in February 2022.



Church members on visitation on Polillo Island.



A Church member conducing a Sunday school.



Pastor Sammy Medina's brother-in-law, Brother Edo going soul winning.







Pastor Elmar, Pastor Lawrence Nieva, and Pastor Rodel Trinidad serving the Lord by actively going soul winning in the schools, community and at church on Polillo Island.



Pastor Symer Cabucos is church planting near Zarraga, Iloilo, Philippines. Opportunities to preach in the public school and conduct Bible studies are abounding and Pastor Symer is actively in pursuit.