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Dear Pastor, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

We rejoice with hearts full of gratitude to share the wonderful news of God's continued blessings upon the Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry. Pastor Elmer Ritual has recently had the great honor and joy of baptizing a group of new believers who have publicly professed Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. What a powerful testimony of God's grace at work in the hearts of men and women across the Philippines! These baptisms are a living reminder that the Gospel still changes lives, that the light of Christ still shines in the darkest places, and that His Word never returns void. The waters of baptism are more than a ritual—they reflect redemption, a declaration that these souls have passed from death unto life. Truly, heaven rejoices with us, for "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." (Luke 15:10). We want you to know that this fruit is not Pastor Ritual's alone—it belongs to you as well. Every prayer you have prayed, every dollar you have given, and every moment you have spent lifting this ministry before the Lord has made an eternal difference. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." (Philippians 4:17). That promise is being fulfilled through your faithfulness. Each new believer baptized, every church that is planted, and every community that hears the Gospel is fruit credited to your heavenly account. You are truly laborers together with God, and through your partnership, souls are being reached for eternity. We also ask that you join us in continued prayer for the nation of the Philippines, which has recently endured multiple typhoons and earthquakes over the past several weeks. Many families have suffered loss and damage, yet through every storm, God's people have stood strong in faith, demonstrating the compassion and steadfastness that only the Lord can provide. Pray that God will bring comfort, provision, and open doors for the Gospel to spread even more through these trials. The physical shaking of the land has not shaken the spiritual foundation of God's work—if anything, it has deepened the resolve of His people to shine brighter for Christ. Please also keep Pastor Sammy Medina in your prayers. The Lord is using him mightily in the training of Bible college students and future church planters, many of whom will graduate and go forth to plant new churches in 2026. These young men are being equipped to take the message of salvation to new towns and villages across the islands—fulfilling the Great Commission and multiplying the ministry for generations to come. Your prayers and support make this possible, enabling the next wave of Filipino pastors to rise up with passion, preparation, and purpose. Thank you, dear friends, for your faithfulness, generosity, and partnership in this church-planting ministry. Because of your love for the Lord and His work, lives are being transformed, communities are being reached, and eternity is being changed one soul at a time. Let us press forward together, trusting that "he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:6).

With heartfelt appreciation and prayer,

Joshua Rhoades

"For we are labourers together with God:" – 1 Corinthians 3:9a

Dr. J. Barry Goodman

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Pastor Elmar with the new converts being baptized and discipled.