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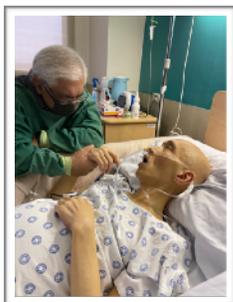
Dear Praying Partners,

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Sincere greetings from Metro-Manila and from the brethren of Foundation Baptist Church! We pray this finds you all in good health, physically and spiritually. As we continue the second half of this year and continue facing the heightening uncertainties of the local and global events unfolding in our day, I trust you and I can gladly sing with the Psalmist who wrote Psalm 146:3-5: "Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God." Indeed, it is our hope in Him that gives us the grace to press on!

Our New Testament Tagalog translation is currently being distributed to different parts of the world through the purchase orders of believers all over. We received orders from local men who intend to ship these New Testaments to the United Arab Emirates and the United States - the greatest distances we've seen yet. Locally, we have sent stock of these New Testaments up north to Ilocos Norte, the National Capital Region, Rizal, Central Luzon, Tagaytay, Palawan, the Visayas region, and all the way down south to churches in Mindanao. Also, we finally held our in-person and live-streamed Dedication Service on May 27th amid the state-imposed restrictions due to the pandemic (https://youtu.be/yULmbAfOL_Y). What a privilege to have a part in getting the Greek New Testament (in this case, the Received Text) translated directly to our vernacular alongside men with deep convictions on the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures! Pray with us as we get these distributed in the field, that the Lord would use this translation to draw more sinners to Himself and ground Tagalog-speaking believers in His Word.

We continue to thank God for the doors He opens to get His Word out through technology. It is interesting to see how our sovereign Lord is using these protocol restrictions to advance the furtherance of the gospel. Aside from our regular mid-week and evening prayer services, I have had Bible classes with some doctors and cancer patients. A men's Bible study held with friends of one of our members resulted in one of them (Robby Lugtu) trusting Christ as Savior. Currently, I am giving a series of lectures once a week for one quarter with the brethren of Jesus Saves Mission in Singapore, covering a wide range of topics including doctrinal, ethical, historical and eschatological issues. Zoom-ers from Australia, Malaysia and the USA have joined in making an average attendance of about 40 participants. We are also thrilled to see viewers of our live-streamed Sunday morning services joining us from Europe, North America, the Middle East, Asia and even Africa. May His Word go forth around the world, take deep root, grow, and bear fruit in the lives of those who hear it.



It was our privilege to minister God's Word to a dear brother-in-Christ who recently passed away. Henry was a neighbor who became Imee's acquaintance because his son and Danielle were classmates in music school. During my heart surgery last June 2020, he communicated his desire to Imee about having a home Bible study with his family. He was a typical, hard-working Chinese businessman exposed to churches espousing Reformed Theology. He realized late in life that God was giving him a wake-up call to invest more of his time for eternity, especially after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last March 2020. He had asked the Lord to give him six more years of life. He tried all kinds of medication and even resorted to the "name-it-claim-it" theology to fan his hopes for a longer life. We assured him that God answers our prayers and knows what we need even before we ask Him. But, we encouraged him to pray "according to His will." Since December 2020, he had been in and out of the hospital. During his last two months, he requested our presence more frequently. The week before his passing, he asked me to lead him to receive Christ as Savior again to be sure. He graduated from his pain and went home to be with the Lord last April at the age of 59.

Henry's wake gave me the opportunity to preach the gospel to his immediate family, including his siblings, in-laws and parents (most of whom are nominal Buddhists). They reside in Baguio City, a four-hour-drive north from Manila. Johnson, Henry's oldest brother, has since invited us for breakfast every time we are in town. Despite the lockdowns, we have been visiting Baguio City almost



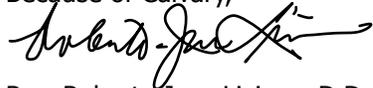
every month since September for our scheduled camps, for Imee's involvement in assisting victims of heinous crimes before the courts of law as Secretary of the Crusade Against Violence, and for opportunities to help the ministry of Pines City Baptist Church under the leadership of a friend, Pastor Erick Garcia. These visits led to Johnson introducing us to his business associates who have shown some degree of receptivity to the gospel. Please pray for their conversion to Christ.

Here are a few more of our prayer requests:

1. We thank the Lord that Imee's laboratory tests have indicated normal signs. Though, we are still at a quandary on the cause(s) of her occasional and unusual spikes in heart rate. The doctors are still exploring other options. Meanwhile, I will undergo another battery of tests soon as it has been a year since my surgery. We appreciate your continued prayers.
2. Our church-planting efforts at our Sta. Cruz, Laguna outreach have been postponed until further notice. Please include our newly-opened fields in Bamban, Tarlac and in Puerto Princesa, Palawan in your prayers — for believers there to continue in the Word.
3. Now that the Bible Translation Project is done, we can focus our efforts on its distribution. That means I will have more time to work on my goal of completing my Major Project required under the DMin program. Please pray as I work on the first two chapters due by August 1st.
4. Sadly, last-minute statewide lockdowns caused us to cancel our March 27th-31st Summer Family Camp. Our committee is now organizing the 32nd Fundamental Bible Conference in Metro-Manila for October 27th-29th. The gradual loosening of quarantine restrictions led us to plan to hold this event in Baguio City for an in-person and live-streamed conference. We need your prayers for this event to be a super-spreader for the advancement of God's Word.
5. Please pray with us as we plan modular courses to train and further equip the saints and pastors for the work of the ministry.
6. It's finally time to replace our old van. We are praying for the Lord to provide \$30,000 for the cost of a replacement. Over the years, our ministry van has served us well in transporting people, music equipment, speakers, and endless other supplies for our portable church services, outdoor camps and conferences. Our van has also enabled us to conduct class modules in the provinces so that our students do not have to travel to Manila. We would very much appreciate your prayer support and financial help with this project need.

Once again, we are so thankful to the Lord for you and for your partnership with us in the ministry! As Philippians 4:17 states, may the Lord continue to produce "... fruit that may abound to your account.

Because of Calvary,



Rev. Roberto-Jose Livioco, D.D.



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