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Dear Praying Partners,

Greetings from Pasig City, Metro-Manila in the matchless name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord! How thankful we are to Him for the gracious privilege to be His emissaries to proclaim the only message of everlasting hope and deliverance from sin through the gospel! The apostle expressed it so well: *“For which cause, we faint not ....”* Despite obstacles and opposition, we press on *“... while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal,”* 2 Cor 4:16, 18.



Last April, the Lord, once again, opened the door for us to present the gospel via the airwaves through the Anchor of Hope Live radio broadcast. This may be viewed on this link, <https://www.youtube.com/live/cq14clGlnB4?feature=share> (left photo). After the program, we had a little bit of discussion on the implications of the resurrection of the body. Because many of the radio broadcast’s audience are cancer survivors, the hosts opted to record my thoughts on the subject so it may be aired the following week—on resurrection Sunday. We praise the Lord for these open doors to herald the gospel of Christ to a lost and dying world! May the seed of His Word take deep root and bear fruit in the hearts of those who heard it.

During our Annual Church Family Camp last April 4-7, with our theme: *“Finish the Job,”* I preached through Paul’s Second Epistle to Timothy (right photo). Aside from the encouraging feedback, it was spiritually refreshing for me to be reminded of its great themes—especially the apostle’s resolve to do the will of the Father and finish his God-given course while waiting for his unknown execution date. I have been praying that the Lord would raise up *“faithful men”* from within our ranks who might be called to the ministry. The Lord seems to be answering our prayer. One of our Sunday School teachers shared his blessings from the recently concluded camp and told the church how the Lord spoke to him through our series. He felt he was Timothy being instructed by Paul during the preaching services. Please keep praying with us, as we seek to *“commit [apostolic teachings] ... to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also,”* 2 Tim 2:2.



This year’s commemoration of our Lord’s Resurrection on Resurrection Sunday was certainly a memorable one. The diligence of the choir to rehearse a whole Cantata paid off and was blessed of the Lord to minister to our hearts (left photo). The story of Jesus, as the hymn writer wrote, *“... each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. ...It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.”* This year, our Children’s Sunday School also rendered a special. It was such a blessing to see the younger ones express their awe of the grace of God through song! You may view that on this link, <https://youtu.be/ABvWq2fHm58>. To see those cute little ones stay put and sing for seven minutes is something! I told the church that I see one thing in common with the resurrection of Christ and the children’s choir—it’s a miracle!



Working on the second chapter of my Major Project to complete my D. Min. Program has occupied much of my time these past months. It has been hard work to do research, engage with what other conservative scholars have written, compare it with what God's Word clearly says on the subject and put them all in writing. But it is worth all the time and effort spent on it. Local pastors and foreign missionaries have told me that my topic, Biblical Church Discipline, is much needed. It is intended to address various scenarios in our local church setting but it has already helped other fellow-workers here on understanding the proper grounds, purpose, steps to church discipline that will honor and please the Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ. I ask for your prayers, for wisdom and strength to finish my Major Project this year that it may be used by the Lord to instruct churches of like faith of the importance of this neglected and/or misapplied teaching.

Here are a few more of our prayer requests:

1. Imee's irregular heartbeat rate remains a cause for concern. Thankfully she remains up-and-about attending to her responsibilities and ministries but continues to be monitored by her electro-physiologist. Appreciate your prayers for the Lord's intervention on this.
2. This June 19-23, Rev. Matt Barfield (IPM Vice President of Field Ministries) and I (serving as IPM Far East Regional Director) will be visiting Cagayan de Oro to connect with our missionaries under the North Mindanao Project. Please pray for traveling mercies and an opportunity to be an encouragement to our fellow laborers down south.
3. We are scheduled to preach at the 8th year anniversary of one of our mission outreaches on June 25. This is at Fundamental Baptist Bible Church in Puerto Princesa, Palawan. Appreciate your prayers as my wife and I minister the Word there. We praise the Lord for the church planting efforts of our missionary, Pastor Jason Malacao. His wife, Mheng, just went home to be with the Lord last November 2022. He has been a faithful fellow-laborer in the ministry and has served as the key translator of our Tagalog Bible Translation Project.
4. We got word from our counterparts in Michigan that our Project Design Coordinator is more likely to get the layout of our Tagalog New Testament Project done and ready for printing by July. Please pray with us, that the printing and shipping of the Tagalog New Testaments will all be done this fall.
5. Plans for a class module on Biblical Hermeneutics this June as requested by delegates who attended our conference last October. Please pray for wisdom in lesson preparations and logistical arrangements to train more men to preach the Word accurately and with spiritual unction.
6. Plans for our 34th Fundamental Bible Conference are on the way. This year, Lord willing, we plan to hold this again in Manila—first time since the pandemic—on November 30-December 1. Please pray as we decide on relevant topics, spiritual power in preaching, receptivity of the delegates, good weather and a good turnout. We are raising \$3,000 for this project.

We praise God for what He is doing here. Our partnership with your prayers and financial support are all instrumental factors for the Lord to do His work of evangelizing, edifying and equipping saints to do the work of the ministry. We thank the Lord for you. May we all remain faithful. Meanwhile, we shall meet you at His throne of grace. Let us not faint till Jesus comes!

Because of Calvary,



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