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## Praise & Prayer Notes



### Just Sharing What the Lord Has Done, is Doing, and Will Do

**NEW MISSIONARIES** - Mel & Freda Guimba left last July 4 for their ministry. May the Lord lead them to open hearts! They will appreciate our prayers.

**THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS, TOO** – Pastor Jun Pielago and his wife, Deb, are leaving for Malaysia on August 25, 2011. They will stay there for two months (August 25-October 25) with Pastor Tim & Judy Heath. The Malaysia Exposure is actually a part of Mrs. Pielago's requirements to finish her six month-study program with Asia Center for Missions in Cebu City. While doing documentation work in Malaysia, they will also be involved with the Heaths' ministry. Plans are being set for various ministry meetings for them with the Heaths during their stay in Malaysia. They would certainly and deeply appreciate your prayers for them. They are thankful for your concern. (Should you have any particular prayer requests, please feel free to let them know also.)

**202 IGBI STUDENTS** - This number are presently enrolled in our four TCM Bible schools: IGBI-Cauayan - 21; IGBI-Bataan - (no report yet); IGBI-Ozamiz - 89; IGBI-Tagum - 76. We are rejoicing in the Lord for these students who are willing to enter into full time ministry as pastors and Bible women. The yearly turn out of IGBI graduates helps much in minimizing the perennial shortage of workers in our churches. Let's continue to pray for more workers - young men and women - to join the "army of the Lord" in fighting for the cause of Christ.

**TWO FAITHFUL CO-WORKERS** - Both are suffering from their illness. Mrs. Ester Improso Plale - she has cirrhosis of the liver and other internal complications. She is now feeling well but still under medications. Mrs. Ester Sausa Lamberte - she is being treated for severe infection in her pancreas. She has also gallstones which need surgical operation. In the meantime, Mrs. Lamberte needs money for CT scan. Pray that the medicines these dear sisters are taking would work and bring complete healing to their illness. Pray also for the much needed finances involved in their medications.

**FLASH FLOODS IN DAVAO** (June 29) – SM Pastor Bernardo Pesidas and Pastor Emmanuel Ole asked urgent prayer for 10 TCM church families affected by flash floods in the Davao City area. A grandmother died and members took refuge in Pangi Grace Gospel Church. Immediate appraisal and release of assistance came via TCM Treasurer Sagrado Improso, Sr. The Calamity Fund handed over 45,000 pesos to aid these families.

**NEW TCM MINISTRY IN ILOILO (June)** - Our visit to Iloilo with Pastor Moreto Rebana and Pastor Edward Padayhag yielded the following observations: The TCM ministry in Iloilo is just starting to move forward. We spent four days visiting the six existing small Bible study groups in the province. The Bible study groups are located in Alimodian, Barotac Viejo, Bingawan, and Passi City (three groups). These groups were opened by Pastor Rebana about a year ago. He visits these places regularly. Pastor Padayhag, TCM local missionary in Iloilo conducts weekly Bible studies in these places. The positive response of the groups to the study of the Word of God "rightly divided" is very encouraging! One of these groups is now organized into a small local church. The new local church is located in Lanot, Alimodian. With the "Seed of the Word" now sown in Iloilo, we are praying that the Lord would continue allowing it to grow and spread out, not only in Iloilo, but also in the other four provinces (Aklan, Antique, Capiz, and Guimaras) of Panay Island.

## **Praise & Prayer (Partial) . . .**

**LOT PURCHASE** – 440 square-meter piece of property, near a high school and along the road, was recently bought in Sta. Maria, Davao del Sur. A church building for the GGCC in the locality will rise on this lot.. The price for the property was P250,000. A faithful brother who works overseas gave the sizeable gift to purchase the lot. (This information was reported by Brother Boy Lape of Bansalan through SM Pastor Bernardo Pesidas of Davao.)

**PASTOR CAMILO MORALES** is now home with the Lord. He died last June 16 in Kapalong, Davao del Norte. Pastor Morales finished his pastoral training in our TCM Bible School (Mindanao Grace Bible Institute), Mabantao (Luan), Kapalong. He was the lone brother from the ATA tribe who served the Lord among his people for many years. Pray for the comfort of his family.

**TCM MINISTRY EXPANSION IN PANGASINAN, LA UNION, BAGUIO, AND CAVITE (June)**- Six of us in the group (Pastor & Mrs. Gerson/Marietta Bermejo, Pastor Buddy Nabus, Pastor Nestor Rosero, Mrs. Deb Pielago and I) visited the church planting ministry of Pastor & Mrs. Reagan/Jemima Mejia, our local missionaries in Agno, Pangasinan; the group also visited other places where new contacts are situated. **THE ACTION CENTER** is now transferred from the municipality of Agno to Bani, another town located between Agno and Alaminos City. The new rented house in Bani serves both as residence of the Mejias and worship center of the group. 30 young people (high school and college) are eagerly and regularly attending the Bible weekly activities. A group of adults from Agno attends the regular Sunday church services in Bani. (Bible studies are still conducted in Agno.) The Mejias, Joeray Bete, and Mark Gaming (intern student from IGBI-Cauayan City) use gospel tracts distribution, house-to-house visits, children's ministry (with feeding program later when funds are available), and friendly evangelism (e.g., free use of computer by students for research) as part of the strategies of getting contacts. Plans to expand the work in Alaminos City (location of the famous Hundred Islands) and Dagupan City are being contemplated and in the vision of the Mejias. **OUR PRAYERS** are certainly appreciated and needed to bless and encourage the ministry of the Mejias in Pangasinan! The group also visited/conducted meetings with families in Agno, Bani (all in Pangasinan), Rosario in La Union, and Baguio City (where a P4million church building project on a 400-square meter lot is being constructed; Pastor Nestor Rosero is the resident pastor of the Baguio City church). The group also visited the lot in Bacoor, Cavite where a new church building is currently being constructed; and of course, the new nice-looking church building in Dasmarinas where the group met and prayed with the local leaders. (Pastor Nabus is the resident pastor of the Bacoor church and Pastor Vincent Quinones of the Dasmarinas church.) **PRAY ALSO** for the following local missionaries: Pastor & Mrs. Darwin Dayo – San Francisco, Agusan del Sur; Pastor & Mrs. Ruel Undag – Cotabato City; Pastor & Mrs. Edward Padayhag – Iloilo City; Pastor & Mrs. Rodrigo Balicuat – Bogu City. Our three-year goal (2011-2013) is to see a new congregation "planted" in each of these five places.

**TCM MINISTGRY IN ASTURIAS** - Close to 40 individuals are now attending the Sunday church activities of the GGCC, Manguiao, Asturias, Cebu. An extension Bible study is now being held in Langub, another barangay in Asturias. Brother Ramil Cereno is one of the active leaders of the church in Manguiao. Intern Pastor Jakerie Centino is helping the ministry of the church.

**MINDANAO "LIBOT-SUROY" VISITS (July)** - (Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga Sibugay). Pastor Bermejo and I, together with Pastor Rey Centino, Pastor Ludevito Calumba, Pastor Pedro Blanco, Pastor Josue & Mrs. Bebe Elvina, and Gigi (our faithful driver/son-in-law of Pastor & Mrs. Elvina), visited 22 churches in the Bagania...n-Land Ministry District under SM Pastor Centino. We only missed three of the 25 churches in the district due to other prior appointments. THE VISITS were both a blessing to the visiting team and the members of the churches. We were able to see how the workers are doing their work among their members and how the members are supporting their workers. The dedication in the ministry of our workers is clearly manifested through their cooperative and supportive efforts in implementing plans and programs of expanding the ministry within their local area as well as within the ministry district. THE VISITS GAVE us the opportunity to follow up existing plans and programs of the Mission. Our visits ended with our participation in the seminar for workers from two ministry districts (SeaGold and BagLand in Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga Sibugay). There were 65 of us pastors and Bible women who attended the joint-workers seminar which was held in our church in Guinoman, July 13-15. (The new church building in Guinoman is built on a 1000-square meter lot; huge and beautiful! The church has now an average attendance of more than two hundred individuals every Sunday. Pastor Centino is pastoring this church.)

**TCM GRACE MINISTRY IN LEYTE (July)** – TCM has 10 churches in this province. New additional congregations are now being nurtured in Ormoc City (with seven families) and in Bato (also with seven families). Pastor Judy Honculada is the local missionary in Ormoc, while Pastor Junilo Pentin pioneers the work in Bato (this big town is almost a city). THE SMALL GROUP in Ormoc is now paying by installment a 200-square meter lot for a church building. The group has already given an initial payment of P50,000. Total price of the church lot is P220,000. ASIDE FROM ORMOC and Bato, Hibolangan in Villaba is the third pioneering area where a nucleus of five families for a local congregation is being nurtured. The Leyte Ministry District is still identifying two more new areas where to start pioneering work. This church planting endeavor in the district is in consonance with the five-year (2011-2016) national program of TCM to plant five (5) new churches in each of the 23 ministry districts of the Mission in the Philippines. PLEASE REMEMBER also in your prayers the churches and workers in Leyte with Pastor Ben Sausa, their supervising minister (SM), and his deputy, DSM Pastor Jeremy Blanco.

**AFFILIATED CHURCHES:** 261 TCM Grace churches were issued certificates of affiliation and 4968 individual members were issued identification cards as of July 11, 2011. This was reported by Pastor Buddy Nabus, TCM Issuing Officer of Certificates & Identification Cards.

**TCM GRACE MINISTRY IN PALAWAN (July)** - Puerto Princesa . . . this beautiful capital city will become the future hub of the TCM ministry in the island province of Palawan. It is in this city that Pastor Jun Obsequio's family is presently residing. Pastor Jun has now a small group of believers that he is mentoring in his five hundred peso-a month-rented house. His family arrived in Palawan almost two years ago. Since then, he has been a great help to the ministry of Pastor Alfredo Nahine, Supervising Minister of the TCM Palawan Ministry District. TCM HAS ELEVEN (11) CONGREGATIONS in this province: six in the north and five in the south. Puerto Princesa is centrally located in the province. THE MINISTRY in Palawan needs more workers to help in the edification ministry among the small congregations and to expand the work in the many Gospel-unreached places of this peace-loving province. RECENTLY, the presence of Pastors Josue Estanque and Edgar Panas are a welcome development. Their involvement will certainly help boost the ministry in Palawan. PASTOR NAHINE, together with Pastors Obsequio, Panas, Ben and Vic Magbanua, are now working on an all-sector and province-wide fellowship (workers, men, women, and young people) for next year (first week of April). The venue is Puerto Princesa. WE ENCOURAGE you to be a part of the ministry in Palawan through any of the following: PRAY, GIVE, or GO!

**A NICE-LOOKING L-3 VAN DONATED TO TCM** – Pastor Sagrado L. Improso, Sr., a senior member of the TCM Board of Trustees, made a declaration before his surprised colleagues his intention to donate his L-3 vehicle to the Mission for the use of IGBI-Tagum in its ministry-related activities. With deep appreciation, Pastor Improso's colleagues readily accepted the invaluable donation with great approval and commendation! The vehicle is entrusted to Pastor Calixto Fermantes, the school director, for the vehicle's upkeep and exclusive use. The donation was made during the board meeting last June 8-9 in IGBI-Tagum.

**(NOTE:** For ministry news and information, please regularly "visit" TCM-PHILIPPINES GRACE MINISTRIES. We also encourage you to post ministry pictures (church anniversaries, fellowships, seminars, conferences, and other ministry-related events. Thank you.)

**CAMBODIA MINISTRY VISIT** – Seven members of the team (Dr. Ruth Improso, Dr. Hilda Viray, Nurse, April Balino, MedTech Ann Improso, Pastors Gerson Bermejo, Morito Rebana, and Richard Shipp) will leave for Cambodia on October 18. The group will visit the ministry of Ariel & Faith Mahilum and Myra Omictin, TCM missionaries in Cambodia, until October 25. The team will then proceed to Thailand to meet with the Maraats (Genesis & Verna) and the Killions (Nathan & Jessica), missionaries in Thailand. Pray for the team members that their visits would bring encouragement to their hosts.

**“When praying, it's better to have a heart without words than words without heart.”**

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**TCM VISION-MISSION STATEMENT:** *“Things to come Mission, Inc. endeavors to follow the global ministry concerns of the Apostle Paul as he follows Christ. It envisions to establish a Grace Church in every municipality and city in the Philippines, and commits itself to win the lost, edify the saints, plant reproducing Grace Churches, and produce committed believers in the teachings of Grace whose lives are Christ-like in character.”*