



With our 1-year old Daphne

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Greetings friends and supporters! We hope all is well with you. It has been a while since you have heard from us and we sincerely apologize for the delay of our newsletter. We are so much grateful that the Lord continues to bless us and give us the opportunity to share with you about His great work here in the island of Leyte, particularly in the effort of soul-winning and mentoring young men and women to become instruments of the noble work of proclaiming the gospel to the lost.

Our VBS for this year gathered a good crowd of more than 80 young participants. In fact we were afraid that only few would show up because the VBS was conducted during the Catholics' Lenten week celebration wherein most parents would prefer their kids to stay home or engaged in religious activities such as fasting or religious procession to strengthen their tradition of commemorating the death of Christ on this occasion. We were successful not only in bringing together kids of different religious affiliation to attend VBS, but as well as families and friends at the gathering of Waray-Waray speaking brethren during the Annual Family Christian Camp hosted by our local church here in Tacloban, with the theme, "Building One Another in Christ". Great fellowship, singing and inspiring messages abound during the 3-day assembly.

Running errands for these two activities helped a lot in my effort to lose weight. Though I'm still striving, I feel better and blessed that after all the medical tests I had gone through last year, God allows me to enjoy a more meaningful life that made my birthday this year more meaningful also, together with our youngest daughter, Daphne, who turned one year old. I also got a wonderful present on that day when two of the long-time prospects in Sta. Fe decided to accept Christ. It was a great privilege to baptize 17-year old young mother Christine Divino, and Eugenia Gacutan, a wife of a farmer. Please keep these newly baptized sisters in your prayers as well as the whole church of Sta. Fe.



YOUTH CAMP, FEEDING & MEDICAL MISSION IN SOUTHERN LEYTE



I am so grateful that I got the opportunity to visit the town of Hinunangan where I was invited to speak in a youth gathering held in a quiet beach during the last week of

April. The last time I set foot in this less densely populated rural town was during a door knocking campaign back in 2005. From then on the established house church has thrived to be on its own with the help of a local evangelist. It is one of the poor churches here in Leyte and it is so admirable to note that they were able to initiate and host such kind of activity that really went successful and fruitful up to the last day. A baptism of 7 young participants concluded the 3-day youth activities.

Going farther south in early May, I took part as a counselor in a free medical and dental mission, sponsored by the

Churches of Christ in the Philippines, held for 3 days in three different locations in Southern Leyte in the town of Sogod, Liloan, and St. Bernard.



Not only church members were able to benefit from the free services rendered by the health care professionals but also those less fortunate families with sick children from the neighboring communities. They were so happy and thankful of such opportunity where medicines and treatments they could not afford become within their reach. After the checkup they also got a free meal. We were not disappointed because those who were encouraged and opened their hearts to us decided to accept bible studies in their homes. It is so overwhelming to know that this kind of ministry helps us to reach out to those who

are lost, and that there is something we can do to teach them about the love of Christ and let them know that having Christ in our lives will help us get through any affliction or tribulation. I am grateful and blessed to be part of this ministry that has taken the step to seek and save the lost.

FRUITFUL MONTH OF JULY

As we begin the last six months of this year, so many promising things have happened in our outreach and that include the 19 baptisms we have had in July. One of my personal bible study prospects, Corazon Gares decided to be baptized right after our weekly visit and bible study in Sta. Fe. In Tagpuro alone, twelve LCC students from various places have accepted Christ thru the efforts of two graduating students, Rey Espanola and Richard Sajonia, with their mentor, Jun Patindol who has joined the teaching staff recently. Rey Espanola, together with another student, Benbin Aspasio spent their 2-month school vacation in helping out the local church in Tacloban with its church ministries, which has resulted in seven baptisms. What a wonderful way to start the school year and we are so proud of these guys for a job well done.

FROM FRESHMEN TO SENIORS

The opening of LCC classes this June was very much anticipated. With over 80 students coming from northern Philippines down to the southern part of Muslim Mindanao, there is no denying the fact that Leyte Christian College has become widely known around the country. From first year to fourth year students, we are filled with so much joy that they have chosen to be part of LCC family. Lord willing, this year, the construction of the LCC main school building will be completed in time for the graduation next year.

In August and September, LCC welcomed three visitors from Amarillo, Texas. Brian Mashburn and Doyle Corder together with their sons conducted a seminar on Discipleship. Their visit was a huge encouragement to all the students who have enjoyed their friendship and company. Another potential instructress who might be heading back to Leyte for a teaching stint is Cynthia Donahoe who had stayed longer and got the chance to see the fun during the LCC Intramurals.

I just finished teaching the book of Hebrews in our Sunday Bible class. I was a bit rejoicing that I would get a break until I plunged into another Hebrew class. Well it seemed that my fourth year students are enjoying the class as much as they love the Greek class taught by Johnny. I think they have become geeks. Kidding aside, I am happy that their enthusiasm to learn more has deepened and it gives me a great encouragement to study more and exert more effort in preparing my lessons every day.

Thank you dear supporters, because of your effort, we make it possible to provide the growing needs of LCC. Thank you, because we know that teaching is not a profession but a mission of generous hearts, toiled by love and sacrifice. Thank you very much to all of you our valued partners for your continued faith in us and all your unconditional support in all the endeavors we take in propagating the gospel here in our country. The Lord bless you and keep you!