



Our growing daughters & little helpers

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Our dear friends and supporters, warm greetings to all of you this wonderful New Year. Literally speaking, it's warm here because we haven't had much rain this season as expected. It's great to be alive knowing that the good Lord has given us another year to look forward to greater hope, expectations, and opportunities to serve Him more in greater aspects. We hope and pray that all is well with you after the hustle and bustle of travel and thanksgiving occasions with friends and families.

We truly had a blessed 2011 that was full of triumphs and trials. Thank you for bearing with us. As English not being our first language, sometimes my wife and I find it difficult to set up everything in our newsletter and until now we are still struggling with that. From bulletins, cards, magazines down to the personal notes of encouragement we received from you, they have inspired us to do more for His kingdom. We wish to let you know that our mailing and physical address has not changed, only the PO Box. We have decided to discontinue our box rental with the rapid increase of postage and mailing in the past few months. In this high- technology-dependent world we live, we still look forward to getting snail mail and the excitement it brings.

Most of you probably have heard the news about the recent tragedy that happened last mid December in Cagayan de Oro City and Iligan City, in Mindanao Island where I grew up. During a raging storm, a tragic flashflood killed thousands of people, leaving families homeless and children orphaned as others went missing or dead. Churches of Christ in the Philippines joined hands in this cause and we have learned that some LCC students were



Parenting Seminar

able to join a team that helps out in the relief mission in Cagayan de Oro. In honor of everyone's birthday during our thanksgiving fellowship, Small Beginnings preschool through its teachers, parents and pupils, collected a good amount to donate to the victims of the flood in Mindanao.

Let us continue to pray together for the growth and development of Small Beginnings Christian School, a combined effort of our local church and Project Philippines, that I may be able to lead and supervise it well. The responsibilities can be tough sometimes and I am glad that the three teachers are working hard and trying their best so that we can come up with good ideas and decisions for the betterment of the school. Lately one parent dropped out his daughter from attending class to move to another town because of a family related problem. As a way of encouraging the parents, we conducted a parenting seminar last October 15. Robin Eastep, who is from Texas, USA, and is currently teaching at LCC, was our speaker and she did an excellent job on tackling the importance of Christian parenting.



Signboard of Small Beginnings preschool has recently been put up to advertize the school

It has been a year since the house church in Sta. Fe has been gathering for worship every Sunday afternoon in the house of widow member, Filomena Gares. During the thanksgiving fellowship we held last November 11, Reuel Belo, who leads the mission outreach in Leyte, and I prepared short messages on perseverance and keeping the faith. The following Sunday, an unexpected incident happened when Filomena's ex-convict nephew who was drunk suddenly arrived and ran amuck during the worship service and threatened to slash the tire of our service vehicle with his bladed weapon. Thanked God nobody got hurt and after becoming sober, he apologized for his unchristian conduct. This small church has been blessed with 22 baptisms, and behind that fruitful labor is God's continued guidance.

As we approach the end of the year, one major highlight of our mission efforts was a breakfast meeting of local leaders and church workers held in the house of Elder Jack Belo. During this gathering, we were blessed by the presence of two visitors from Alabama, USA, L. T. Gurganus and nephew Ricky Berger who was on their way to Burma. L. T. is a former missionary to Japan and Nigeria and he spoke on the problems and progress of mission works all over the world. Ricky gave a lecture in the counseling third year class of Bro. Belo in LCC.

In this second half of the school year that has started last November, I am teaching Homiletics, Minor Prophets and General Epistles to second year and fourth year students in LCC. It's just great to know that the graduating fourth year students have become more involved in evangelizing the village of Tagpuro. Some of them would join our home bible study & care group meetings in Tacloban on weekends. We are happy that they are preparing themselves for the great challenge of the great commission. Their training would not be possible



Counting our blessings atop a hill in LCC Campus: coconuts, banana trees, rice field & lush vegetation – surrounding the BIG LCC BUILDING situated in the middle of what used to be "wasteland" in Tacloban



Home care group in our house led by LCC students



Sta. Fe brethren with some workers from Tacloban

without your generous help and support. Thank you very much for allowing yourselves to be part of the great work of Teaching and reaching the Word to save the lost. May the Lord's richest blessings be

upon you as we give back to Him the glory.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT & HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR!!!