

NEWS FROM THE SABADOS

March & April 2016

Updates from the **Heights Mission Team** in the Philippines

HEIGHTS MISSION WORK GETS A BIGGER VEHICLE - THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Great things come in packages but indeed in small packages but indeed in asked and fervently for an answered prayer. desperately scouting for a God has provided us more expected – an extra closed van that could 20 persons with good air-



not only in small bigger things patiently prayed for. Praise God We have been reliable vehicle and than what we had longer, slightly-used occupy more or less conditioning system. is blessed to have a

The Heights Mission work bigger vehicle to be used in the work around Leyte and Samar. We are very much thankful to the Lord for the generous churches and individuals who donated funds to purchase this vehicle. The effort of Whit & Debby contacting friends from different churches and sharing the progress of the work here and its primary needs is so overwhelming. This new transport has been useful in our weekly feeding and care-group activities considering its loading capacity and reliability for long distance travel after we drove it straight to Samar Island for our church nurturing class.



Sisters Cherlyn & Cherrybelle getting baptized during a church family outing.



Best buddies Julius & Lenon obeyed the Gospel after attending a series of care-group study.

FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE ACCEPTED CHRIST IN BAPTISM

Right after the school break in late March, the Heights church had outing in the beach and one of the fruitful efforts of this activity was the baptism of Sis. Mercy's two high-school daughters, Cherlyn and Cherrybelle, who are in Tina's junior class and both are active during Sunday school. We are proud of these two girls who are growing in the family whose mother is God-fearing. Another two youths were baptized in April – the youngest son of Sis. Melchora, Julius, and his friend, Lenon. These guys who are in their early 20s have experienced a lot while growing up in a broken family and slum areas. Having different upbringing, it is our job as a church family to nurture them in the Lord. We are blessed to have these four young people immersed into Christ. We are asking guidance from the Lord that we can do our best to keep these young Christians into the fold so that they will remain faithful and will not be conformed to the ways of this modern world.

FEEDING AND OUTREACH MINISTRY IN “NO NAME” COMMUNITY

The weekly feeding conducted at the Dump area had just finished in March for its quarterly duration and some of the home Bible particularly with our mother of eight. Moving site in April, Bro. Renato village where some of The community is because up to this time on a name yet. It is also from some of the long-time residents that our team from the Heights Church of Christ was the first group to have ever conducted a children’s feeding in this area. Since we are still on school break, we always expect a good crowd of children and mother gathering every Friday afternoon for the feeding. And we thank God for this opportunity that we are able to share this blessing to less fortunate families because of the unwavering support of the Bread Mission & Ministries.



though it has ended, studies still continue prospect Chona, a on to another feeding suggested no-name his relatives reside. literally nameless they have not decided interesting to learn

CHURCH NURTURING & MENTORING CLASS IN TACLOBAN & CALBAYOG



has blessed our team with hard working and dedicated men to do the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ken Meniano who takes charge in preparing the food for the feeding is a good partner in evangelism around the place where we conduct the feeding each week. Charlie has been training him to preach and now he preaches from time to time at Bagahupi Church. Allan Guy’s ability to sing and preach the word is also an encouragement especially during worship service on Sundays. He sometimes teams up with Renato Fabi to do some follow up and visitation of weak Christians and new converts in the faith.

Another blessing for our team is Ed Maquiling, an experienced man in the field of mission and preaching. He is from Cebu, a mentor, teacher and co-teacher in a Bible college. He heard the work in Leyte and came to help Charlie educate the co-workers here. Ever since he came in March, he has been part of the team and has taught encouraging lessons, particularly the 3-day nurturing class for the workers and members of the Heights church, after which a door knocking activity and Gospel tract distribution was conducted around downtown area. In April, we decided to bring the extension class to Calbayog, Samar for the benefit of our brethren there where our co-worker Sotero Carpon preaches. Ed conducted a lecture on the history of the Church of Christ and the brethren who came to listen and interact enjoyed not only the great lesson but also the simple lunch fellowship we all shared together. We are grateful that Bro. Ed has committed to come to Leyte to teach the preachers and brethren around this area and help us build up and nurture our young preachers.

Brothers and sisters, as we toil in His kingdom in our native land, we are always reminded that your partnership has made a lot of impact in the spreading and preaching of the Gospel. Thank you very much for your continued support and God bless your generous hearts.