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August - December Ministry Update

Dear Beloved Ministry Partners,

Warm greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We thank God for each one of you and for your faithful prayers and support. It is our joy to share with you how the Lord has been working in our church ministry from August to December 2025. Your partnership continues to strengthen and encourage us as we serve here in the Philippines.

On August 24, we held our 3rd Discipleship Awards, recognizing church members who completed the Bible course "Biblical Integrity." This discipleship course consists of 12 lessons with activities and is conducted every Sunday afternoon.



Classes are divided into six groups to allow closer teaching and fellowship. It was a joyful time as we celebrated spiritual growth and commitment to God's Word.

On the first Sunday of September, we began a new discipleship course entitled "Characteristics of the Wise." We are grateful to see our members continue to desire deeper biblical understanding and Christlike living.

On September 21, we celebrated Grandparents' Day at our church. We honored our grandparents with a simple gift to express our appreciation for their faithfulness and influence in their families. Later that month, during the last Sunday of September, we held a Ladies' Fellowship, where my wife shared a lesson on the life of Eve, encouraging the women to reflect on God's grace, purpose, and wisdom.

On October 5, we held a Teachers' Appreciation Program for our volunteer teachers. These faithful workers serve in our Good News Ministry, teaching children in more than 100 different areas. They do this joyfully and faithfully, even without financial support. We honored them with special gifts as a small expression of our deep gratitude for their sacrificial service.



On October 19, the ladies of the church surprised my wife, Sister Lita, with a special program in celebration of her 58th birthday. We were truly encouraged and humbled by their love and kindness.

On November 2, the church organized a Pastor Appreciation Program for me and my son, Preacher Jayjay, who serves as my assistant in the ministry. The church presented songs and a short skit depicting Moses and Joshua, reminding us of God's faithfulness and the importance of continuing the work from one generation to the next. This was a great encouragement to us as servants of the Lord.

One of the highlights of the year was our 39th Church Anniversary on December 7. It was a grand celebration, with members inviting family and friends so they could hear the gospel. We welcomed approximately 800 visitors, both adults and children. Lunch was prepared for all attendees as an expression of Christian hospitality.

My mother-in-law, who is 82 years old, was present during this celebration. We kindly ask for your prayers for her assurance of salvation, as well as for our unsaved loved ones.

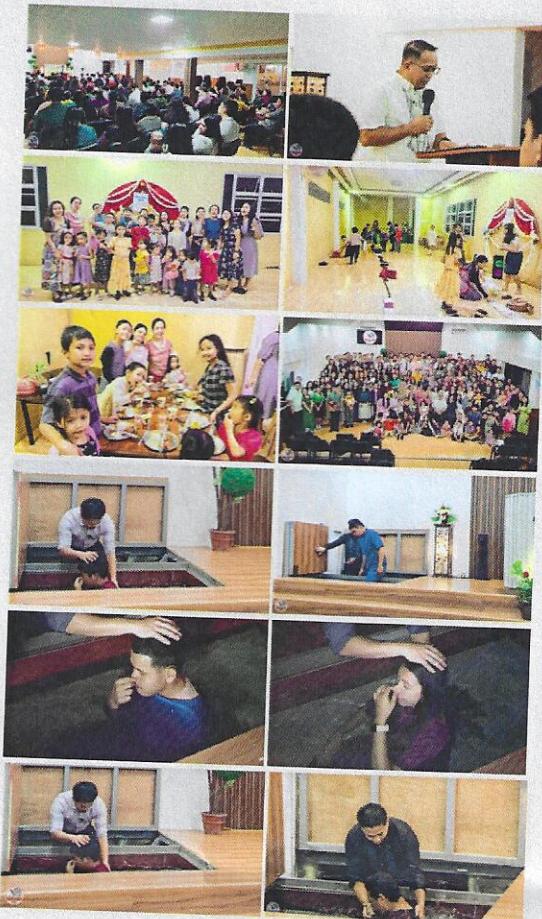


In the afternoon, many pastors and churches from nearby areas joined us for a time of worship and praise. A grand choir of 135 voices sang “The Victory Is Won” and “God of Wonders,” in connection with our anniversary theme, “Faith Is the Victory.” Truly, all the glory and victory belong to God.

On December 28, the last Sunday of the year, we held our Year-End Fellowship. It was a joyful time filled with games, fellowship, and gift-giving. Each discipleship group—including the children—presented a song of praise to the Lord, reminding us of the joy and unity we have in Christ.

On December 31, we experienced both sorrow and hope. One of our beloved sisters, a faithful church member for 30 years, passed away after a painful battle with cancer. She raised her six children in the faith and left a strong testimony. Though we grieved, we praise God that she is now at rest with our Lord.

That same evening, we gathered at the church for our Year-End Prayer Meeting. Our guest speaker was Pastor Paul, a former church worker who is now serving in a mission church in Bicol.



His family has been faithful members of our church for 38 years, and his testimony greatly encouraged us.

During this gathering, the children also had a special year-end program, which included games, dinner, and an awarding activity. It was a joyful and meaningful time that allowed the children to feel loved, valued, and encouraged in their faith as the year came to a close.

We also rejoice that the Lord allowed us to witness six baptisms during these months: Bro. Michael, Bro. EJ, Bro. James, Sis. Cynthia, Bro. Lorenz, and Bro. Jeffrey. Please continue to pray for them as they grow in their faith and walk with the Lord.

Thank you once again for standing with us through prayer, encouragement, and support. Your partnership is a great blessing to our ministry. We look forward to continuing to serve the Lord together for His glory.

With sincere gratitude and prayers,

Bro. Rusty

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