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JULY 2026 — Ministry Update Celebrating God's Faithfulness Through the Years

Dear Faithful Supporters and
Prayer Partners,

Warm greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! July was a month filled with special celebrations, answered prayers, spiritual growth, and precious reminders of God's faithfulness. As we reflected on the Lord's work through the years, we were also encouraged to see how He continues to work in the lives of our church members, young people, and the different ministries He has entrusted to us.

Growing Through Discipleship

On July 5, we held our Discipleship Class Recognition for those who completed and participated in our lesson entitled "COME."



We thank the Lord for the 148 church members who participated in and completed the lesson. It is a great encouragement to see our church family continue growing through the study of God's Word.

This month, we also opened another discipleship class with a new topic, "The Study of the Life of Jesus." Please pray that through these lessons, our members will continue to know, love, and follow our Lord more closely.

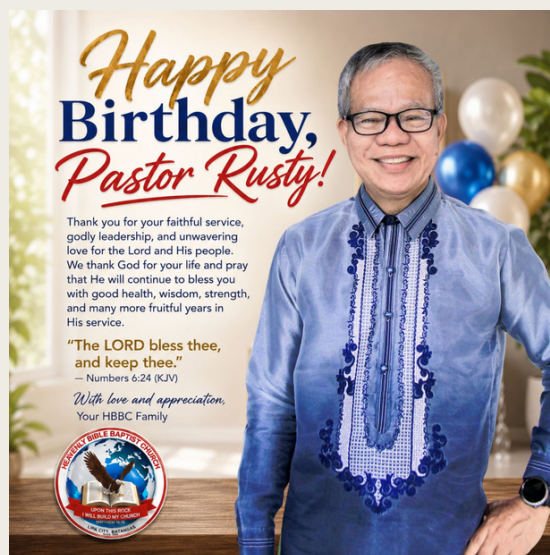
We also began our Men's Training Program with the theme "Rise Up and Build." This is a 12-session program held every Friday night and led by me. Our desire is to challenge and equip the men of our church to become stronger spiritual leaders in their homes, in the church, and in the ministry.

A Birthday Celebration and an Answer to Prayer — July 7

July 7 was a very special day for me as I celebrated my 68th birthday. We spent the day in Prayer and Fasting at Graceland with brethren and visitors from different churches.

The weather forecast predicted heavy rain and bad weather throughout the day. Since many brethren would be travelling and gathering with us, we earnestly prayed for God's intervention. By God's grace, and to our great joy, not a single drop of rain fell during the entire day!

What a wonderful reminder that God hears and answers the prayers of His people. After our time of prayer and fasting, we enjoyed a joyful fellowship and feast together. Our church lovingly prepared food for all the visitors and brethren who joined us.



Our church multimedia team also prepared a special video about the celebration and God's faithfulness in my life and ministry throughout the past 40 years. It was presented in the style of a television news program, making it both humorous and meaningful as we looked back at how the Lord has worked through the years.

The Love of Our Church Family

The birthday blessings continued throughout the month. On July 10, our church choir visited me at our home. They brought food and sang more than 20 songs of praise to the Lord. Hearing their voices echo throughout our home and giving glory to God truly touched my heart.

Then on July 12, our church prepared another special program after the Sunday service. It truly felt like having three birthdays in one! We enjoyed games, food, fellowship, and precious time together as a church family.

I am truly thankful to the Lord for the love and kindness of the brethren. These moments were a personal blessing and a reminder of the wonderful church family God has given us.



Watch the Video
Presentation for
my birthday



Watch my birthday
celebration with
the church



Seeing the Fruits of Ministry Through the Years

One of the greatest blessings in the ministry is seeing young people who were reached as children continue to grow and follow the Lord.

On July 8, we rejoiced as Sis. Micah Laroa followed the Lord in believer's baptism. Sis. Micah is a precious fruit of our Good News Ministry. She was once one of the little children reached through this ministry, and now, as a young woman, it is a great blessing to see her continuing in her walk with the Lord.

On July 22, we also witnessed the baptism of Sis. Aira Mae and Sis. Seth Elisha. These two young ladies have been raised in our Sunday School ministry since they were babies. Now, as teenagers, they continue serving the Lord and are also part of our church choir.

Seeing children grow up in the ministry and continue in their faith is truly one of the greatest joys and encouragements we have as servants of the Lord.

Prayer Vigil and a Special Prayer Request — July 17

On July 17, we held a Prayer Vigil, gathering together to seek the Lord and bring our burdens and requests before Him.

We would also like to ask for your prayers for Bro. James Diata. This young man has been very eager to attend our church. Sadly, he was involved in an accident while on his way to church and suffered a broken leg.

Please pray for his complete recovery and healing. We also ask for your prayers for the salvation of his parents. Our desire is that through this difficult situation, the Lord will continue to work in the lives of Bro. James and his entire family.



Fellowship and Ministry Opportunities

On July 19, we were blessed by the visit of Pastor Paul from our daughter church in Albay. He and his two sons blessed us by singing a song of praise to the Lord.

We also had the opportunity to show a film about Jesus at our San Salvador Outreach, giving another opportunity for people in the community to learn more about our Saviour.

On July 26, Sis. Lita and I were invited to New Testament Bible Baptist Church in Sta. Rosa to serve as speakers for their Sunday Service and the 22nd Year Anniversary of their Women's Fellowship. We were thankful for the opportunity to minister, encourage, and fellowship with the brethren.

Evangelism and Prayer

Also on July 26, we held another Evangelistic Sunday, and we were thankful to welcome 180 visitors. We praise the Lord for another wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel with many precious souls. Please pray that God will continue working in their hearts and that many will come to know Christ as their personal Saviour.

Then on July 28, we once again hosted the Batangas Prayer and Fasting Fellowship at our place. We are grateful for the continued fellowship with brethren from different churches as we unite in seeking the Lord through prayer.



Watch our
Evangelistic
Sunday – July 26

One Project at a Time

We are also thankful for the continued improvements at our church building in Graceland. The frames for the windows are now being installed.

Although our budget is tight, we thank the Lord that improvements are slowly being made. By God's grace, we continue moving forward one project at a time. Every improvement is another step toward completing and improving the place that God has provided for His work.

Please continue to pray for God's provision as we work toward completing the remaining needs of the church building.



July was truly a month of celebration, answered prayers, spiritual growth, and precious reminders of God's faithfulness. As we look back over the years, we are reminded that every soul reached, every young person who continues in the faith, and every opportunity to serve the Lord is possible only because of His grace.

Please continue praying for:

- The continued spiritual growth of those participating in our discipleship classes
- Our new discipleship study, "The Study of the Life of Jesus"
- The men participating in the "Rise Up and Build" training program
- Sis. Micah, Sis. Aira Mae, and Sis. Seth Elisha as they continue growing in their faith
- Bro. James Diata's complete recovery and the salvation of his parents
- The continued growth of the Good News Ministry and Sunday School
- The San Salvador Outreach and the people being reached through the ministry
- The 180 visitors who attended our Evangelistic Sunday
- God's provision for the continued improvements at Graceland

Thank you once again for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and support. We rejoice in what the Lord has done through the years and look forward with anticipation to what He will continue to do in the days ahead.

In Christ's service,

Bro. Rusty

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