

Philippines - Pastor Embao

April 2012

Hello Pastor Wee,

We are now on our second week of VBS. Last week we were there in our two extension churches and this week we just started here in Murcia also.

I thanked God for the participation of the members and workers. Also we were able to finish our renovation of the floors, doors and windows of the class rooms last week. God willing, next week we will do the construction of the unfinished house that doc Andre gave to us.

Noemi is now better with her maintenance for blood pressure. Next week also we will start our summer class here and this will run for one month but will take a break on April 30 to May3 for our Youth Camp. I and my preacher boys will do the teaching and preaching. How I wish there's someone from there to help us but I know this is too late already.

May 27 will be our church Anniversary and we are looking for place to hold our service for that occasion because we are too crowded already even during our regular Sundays. We are planning to make a trip with my wife to Cambodia either July or August to have a break and at the same time for some preaching opportunities at Pastor Jojo Mirafior's Youth camp and sportsfest.

Would it be alright for you, pastor, if we can pass by at Shalom to meet you and our brethren again?

Pastor Embao, Negros, Philippine

February 2012

Hello Pastor Wee,

How are you doing in Australia? I hope all is well, especially with Ma'am Janet's health.

For us, from time to time, there are still aftershocks due to the recent earthquake, but the strong impact is in the oriental part of the island.

In the school, we are preparing for our coming graduation next month (March 16). Our speaker will be Philip James Nono, the son of Pastor Nono.

Last week, I wanted to pay the 30,500.00 Php penalty to the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) in Iloilo; somebody told me to write a letter to ask for a reduction and praise God, because when I approached the regional director with my letter he granted us a 50% reduction. I only paid 15,500 Php. The church rejoiced; God is really amazing.

We also praise God for our baptism this month of two young people and a 65 year-old woman. We are getting crowded in our place every Sunday now because of our growing attendance. The youth group every Sunday afternoon is now getting larger; they had 40 in attendance last Sunday afternoon. Also, we are planning to start an extension church in Bacolod because some of our members are already working and living there but they still come back here to worship every Sunday; we plan to start by having a mid-week service next month there to cater to their needs of a midweek prayer meeting.

As for the school, we are starting our pre-enrolment campaign for Grade I because our goal is to get twenty students to start Grade I. If we cannot reach the target, then we will take it as a sign from the Lord that it is not the proper time yet.

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