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Our newsletter is called Cold Water, based upon Proverbs 25:25. As cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country. This fall edition of Cold Water is definitely full of good news from the Philippines!

DEAR BELOVED PARTNER
AND FRIEND,
HERE'S WHAT WE'LL BE
LOOKING AT IN THIS
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more souls saved in our crusades! guipos crusade report

On December 12th, my team and I went to the town of Guipos, on the island of Mindanao, to conduct another one of our Miracle Crusades. In one Saturday afternoon service, more than 200 people received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, along with many sick people receiving their healing as well. Although we do crusades all the time, I will just highlight the details of this one for you, to give you an idea of our procedure, and the results we see for the glory of God.

Our team left the compound at 9am on Saturday, December 12th. There were 25 of us, being transported by two of our ministry vehicles, our Desa Jeepney (photos of this vehicle can be seen in the photo gallery), and our Toyota van. The personnel went in the jeepney, and our sound system and musical instruments went in the van to provide protection in case of heavy rains en route to or from the crusade site. We reached Guipos around 11:30am, where our host pastor met the team and guided us to a local restaurant for lunch. After lunch, the teams then split up, some going house to house inviting people to the crusade (and praying for any sick people found in the homes), and others going to the crusade site to set up the sound system and musical instruments. In this particular crusade, we brought our own drum set, but in some places we don't because the terrain might be too rough.

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We had many teams of two going into the town, but one particular team of two, while going house to house, met the Gonzales family, who all cried while receiving the Lord as Savior right there in their home. Our team members also prayed for the husband, who suffered from asthma and overall fatigue. After prayer, he was rejoicing and so thankful for our coming to his town. Not only did he receive his healing, but all four family members had received Jesus as Savior – in their home, before the crusade even started! This sort of thing happens frequently when we go door to door, advertising the crusades like we do. Sometimes we see bigger miracles in the homes than we do in the public during the main meetings later in the day.



At 4:30pm we started the crusade, and many people came. Five local pastors attended in support of the meeting, and we were very happy to meet them, encourage them in their works, and provide them with the names of those who got saved or healed in this great meeting. One of those pastors even brought two truckloads of people from a nearby village, encouraging them to come and receive from the Lord.



Some of our Bible School students participated in this crusade, and were a great help to our staff. Having them work with us in the crusades is one of the in-the-field requirements they have for graduation, so this worked out great for them to be able to come and participate like they did. By the time I gave the altar call, we had a crowd of over 200 present, and most of them came forward to receive Jesus by confessing Him as Lord and Savior. Pictures of this crusade will be uploaded to the photo gallery shortly, if not already. After leading them in the prayer of salvation, we prayed and laid hands on all the sick for healing. We recorded the names of 36 people who said they were immediately healed when we laid hands on them. Praise the Lord for that!

At the end, we brought all the local, cooperating pastors on stage to introduce them to the people, and let them know where their churches were located, and what time Sunday services would be held. We left Guipos around 7pm, and made it back to the compound around 10pm same night. We praise God for the effort, and for the anointing that empowered us and enabled us. This is the kind of crusade activity we do almost every week throughout the year. Your faithful support makes these crusades possible. Thank you!

ampatuan massacre

As I've told you for many years, our home island of Mindanao is the hot seat for political unrest, assassinations, murders, kidnappings and terrorism. It happens throughout the country, but 90% of it is centered on Mindanao. In the 1980s, we had the communist insurgents, who called themselves the New People's Army (NPA). Then as their ability to wage war diminished in the 1990s, the devil stirred up the Muslims again, and so for the past 15 to 20 years now, we've been dealing with Muslim terrorists rather than communist terrorists. They seem to lay low for seasons of time, but then without warning, launch attacks against the military, kill innocent people, ambush commercial or private vehicles, take hostages, conduct kidnappings and other related types of terrorist activities.

Last November 23rd, a large convoy of vehicles were ambushed near the town of Ampatuan, only several hours away from our home base in Ozamiz city (see link: <http://www.gmanews.tv/story/177821/the-ampatuan-massacre-a-map-and-timeline>, or Google "Ampatuan" for additional information on this terrible massacre). The links provided can give you the details of what happened, but close to 60 people were murdered by Muslim extremists while caravanning to Cotabato city to file the official certificate for candidacy for upcoming local elections in May, 2010. It just so happened on that same day, my National Director of Churches and his wife, were traveling that same road at the same time of day, returning from meetings they held in General Santos City over the previous weekend.

Their planned route home was exactly the same route taken by those who were ambushed and killed, but praise God, not far from the massacre site, they made a "wrong turn", got "lost", and as a result, ended up being protected and spared from being with the convoy of vehicles that got ambushed. Isn't it wonderful to know our God can get us "lost" when He needs to, as well as getting us saved! When they realized they had gotten lost, they turned around and made their way back – only to find by that time the road was closed by local police and military, who had responded to the attack only an hour or so before. They had to go back the way they came, and ultimately got home about 10 hours later than planned, having to go a much longer route away from this tense area.

I myself passed through the town of Ampatuan in early July, on my way to the same churches our National Director and his wife were ministering in just before these attacks took place. I know the area very well, because we've had many crusades and church meetings in these places since coming to the Philippines in 1980. Once again, it just underscores the importance of intercessory prayer, for God's continued protection as we travel throughout Mindanao, preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

shots fired at pastor's homes

Also, on New Year's Eve, in Cotabato city, unknown gunmen fired a shot into the bedroom of our pastors in that city. It was just after midnight, and our pastors were already in bed when a bullet came through the window, fired by someone out in the dark behind the house. We praise God that no one was seriously injured, but the bullet did graze the ankle of our pastor, but she reports she is fine and doing okay as I write this report to you. We salute all our pastors who live and work in the Cotabato city & Ampatuan areas of Mindanao. These are indeed dangerous places for Christians to live and work for the Lord, and we're proud of them for being strong and courageous in the face of such daily challenges.

strategic planning for 2010


On December 8 and 9, we conducted our annual strategic planning meetings in Ozamiz city, planning, praying and preparing for 2010. We believe this New Year will be the best ever for all of our outreaches: crusades, church planting and apostolic oversight, the StrongerMan Bible Institute, and our national and regional conferences and training seminars. Agree with us for more souls won in 2010 than in any previous year, larger conferences, more churches helped and more pastors ministered to, and our Bible School to continue to grow and increase in size and influence.

dormitory construction progress

I'm pleased to report that as of December 31st, 2009, significant progress has been made on the 4th floor of our 4-story dormitory building. The steel roof trussing has been fabricated and installed, as well as the roof. At the present time, work is being done to finish the gutters, eaves, and other parts of the total roof structure. In addition, cement work has been completed on the walls, and shortly we will level the floor and get it ready for tile installation. Please check out the photos in the photo gallery section of our site, to see the progress made to date. Thanks so much for all your help in making this progress a reality in Jesus' Name. Ethel and I pray for you daily, and praise the Lord for your help and generosity in helping us to finish this building. Agree with us for the money to completely finish this structure in 2010 in Jesus' Name.

june 2010 ministry tour ready for sign-up!

We are taking applications for this coming June's annual ministry tour. This year's tour will take place on June 15-25, 2010, and we'd love to see you there! We know it's a very hard time financially for many because of this 3 year long recession, but we want to encourage you to trust God for the funds to go, and participate in something that will reap spiritual dividends for you and for the hundreds you will minister to, both in this life and in heaven to come. Read and review the information about this tour in the Support Opportunities section of this newsletter, and then call our USA office for more specifics, or to answer any questions you may have.



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support opportunities

If you want to help us financially, right now is the best time to do it! We need to enter 2010 with fervor and passion! As the US economy continues to struggle along in the third year of this severe recession, Ethel and I encourage you to trust God, and elevate yourself to His system of finance, which is completely independent of this world's financial flow. When you need a lot financially, God says to sow accordingly, so that in these times of difficulty, uncertainty and fear of the future, God will move to multiply your seeds sown! (see Genesis 26:1-12) Each week, our staff is ministering locally, regionally, and nationally, holding church services, revivals, crusades and outreaches. Become a partner with us, and help us reach more people than ever before in 2010 with the gospel of Christ. All of this takes prayers, faith and money, and the more support we have, the more we can do! Here's how you can help:

FIRST, YOU CAN PRAY FOR US

We know prayer support is the most important thing we can have to ensure ministry success, and we're grateful for any prayer support the saints offer up to God for us. But going one step further, I've asked people to commit to 20 minutes a day towards us in prayer before the Lord. If you would like to become one of these special and precious prayer partners, let us know and we'll put you on what we've come to call our **20/20 Prayer Partner Program**. These people receive special correspondence from me quarterly, where I highlight specific items we're praying about, and ask for consistent prayer support to achieve our goals in the ministry. Contact our Tucson office if you'd like to be included in this all-important prayer support ministry.

SECOND, YOU CAN COME BE A PART OF OUR ANNUAL SUMMER MISSIONS TOUR IN THE PHILIPPINES

This has become one of the yearly highlights for our ministry, and those who have come have had life-changing experiences as they work side by side with us in holding crusades to win the lost and pray for the sick. Next summer's Tour is scheduled for **June 15-25, 2010**, and the cost remains the same as for the past several tours – a very reasonable \$2,500 per person, which includes all expenses from the West Coast to the Philippines and back, including airfare, food, lodging, transport, utilities. If you're planning or desiring to go, I would suggest putting away some money each month, saving up for the trip next summer. Refer to our ministry's website for our poster advertising

this upcoming event, and call our Tucson office for specific details and timetable for registration and preparation. You will be on the front lines for seven straight days of outreach and evangelism; the way they did it in the book of Acts. In the markets, bus terminals, schools and house to house. As I've said before, the price is very reasonable, and the experience is priceless! Mark your calendars, plan your vacation around the tour, and expect this to be a life-changing event! Call us today to get the details. 520-743-8336. Office hours: 9am to 4pm MST.

THIRD, YOU CAN HELP US BY BECOMING MEMBERS OF THE DOLLAR-A-DAY PROGRAM

What is this? It's a support opportunity which asks contributors to set aside one dollar every day for MKMI support. Just one dollar a day! That's all. Can you spare that each day to help me win souls in the Philippines? You can give this monthly, by just adding up the number of days each month will have, or do it annually, semi-annually or quarterly. Doing this annually would be a gift of \$365. Semi-annually would be \$182.50 twice a year. Quarterly would be \$91.25 four times a year. Monthly would be one dollar for every day of each month. For January, \$31. For February, \$28. For March, \$31, etc. Just one dollar a day would be so enormously helpful for me because it would take so much pressure off of my shoulders to come to the States, schedule meetings and itinerate to raise the additional money we need that is over and above the amounts being received through monthly supporters. Each month, we're doing our part with our regular crusades, traveling expenses to reach our more than 100 churches nationwide, conferences,

church construction, Bible School and many other continuous activities which require income that the **DOLLAR-A-DAY** supporters could raise to help me. If you're looking for good soil to sow your missions seeds into, please include us! Now more than ever, we need the generous support of missions-minded saints like you! You can designate any or all of your **DOLLAR-A-DAY** contributions towards our ministry in general, or one particular branch of outreach, such as crusades, or construction, or for any other outreach in particular.

FOURTH, YOU CAN HELP ME FINISH THE DORMITORY

We're getting closer and closer to completion! Can you sow seed to help me by paying for one section of the remaining work needing to be done? **SECTION BY SECTION**, we can finish this building in 2010! **Each section costs \$1,300 to complete.** As of December 31, 2009, the steel trussing and roof are fabricated and installed. Additional work is now being completed for the gutters, eaves, and other facets of the roofing project. After that, another \$65,000 to completely finish the work. Next will be the installation of iron grilles in the windows and the leveling of the floors on the second, third and fourth floors. Then floor tile installation for the fourth, third and second floors, along with painting, lighting, electrical, bunk bed and furniture installation, suspended ceilings, sound systems, and toilets and additional kitchen facilities on the 4th floor. Your contributions can be made all at once, or broken up in whatever ways work best for you. One time total amount, or semi-annually, quarterly or monthly. Will you help me finish this building? Help us if you have the seed to sow! Many have given, and are giving into this opportunity, and we thank you for responding!

If the Lord speaks to you about supporting us in any way as mentioned above, please complete the enclosed support card and send it to us with your seed gift today. Simply put – the more support we receive the farther we can go in reaching people with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. You can use your Visa or MasterCard too if you prefer. You can also give online through our ministry's website. God bless you for your giving!



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