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Calvary Chapel Masantol

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Christ is Risen! Many people attended church on Resurrection Sunday morning. Pat gave an invitation to receive Christ after the message and before communion. We also showed the Jesus movie (big screen thanks to the projector the Lord blessed us with) in the local dialect of Kampampangan on two different evenings during and after Holy Week. We pray that more people received Christ through it.

Home with the Lord. One of our neighbors, Milo, is now home with the Lord after suffering a long time from sickness. In the Philippines, when a person dies, the viewing takes place in the home of the deceased for about 5 days (rather than in a funeral home) before the burial. Milo was only in his 40's and leaves behind a 7-year old son, Romil. He received Christ with tears and thanksgiving a few weeks ago when we visited him in the hospital. The doctors sent him home the next day because there was nothing more they could do for him. But praise the Lord he is without pain and with Jesus for eternity!



Resurrection Sunday Church Service.



Saturday childrens ministry. A core group of youth help with the setup, seating, worship, watching the children, and handing out snacks every Saturday.

Saved by the Lord. Rita is a 20-year old neighbor who used to attend church but stopped. About 3 months ago she was admitted to the more affordable government hospital, because she had been ill and not getting better, and she was coughing up blood. The diagnosis is tuberculosis. She was later transferred to a private hospital to receive better care. We recently visited her and shared the gospel with her and she received Christ. She could hardly breathe and is very thin. The doctor told us that when she came to the hospital, she was already in advanced stages of TB and that her lungs were permanently damaged. He said that if she went to ICU, her life could be extended via

a respirator. Otherwise, she had maybe 24 more hours to live. A few days after we visited her, she was brought home—again because there is nothing more the doctors can do. We are told she is feeling better, is eating more, and has not given up on life. She believes the Lord will heal her, and she said that when she is healed she wants to attend church again. We thank God Rita received Christ. It's a win-win situation for her whatever God allows to happen, but please pray for healing.

Hospitals in the Philippines. There are two kinds of hospitals here: government



Pat bonding with some of the youth guys. (L-R): Jeff-Jeff, Michael, Pat, John-John. We help with Michael's education, and he completed his 1st year of high school. John-John just graduated from high school. Please pray he will want and be able to go to college.

and private. The government hospitals have low budgets, are understaffed, and don't have much of the equipment and supplies we would take for granted. We were able to give the nearby government hospital donated supplies. The hospital staff was very thankful, even for simple things like gloves and gauze pads. Thank you to those who donated. They are also in need of blood pressure monitors.

Successful surgery! One of our church members recently had surgery (hysterectomy) and all went well. It turns out her surgeon is a Christian, and he did the surgery for free! The cost would have been over 50,000 pesos (over \$1,200), an astronomical amount for a single mother with 6 children. Thank You Lord!

School is over; summertime is hot!

The end of March is when school ends in the Philippines, and also when the hot weather sets in. Kids have April and May as their summer vacation months. We are set to have our annual church baptism and picnic at a nearby swim resort; something we are all looking forward to. Two of the boys we sponsored to go to school completed their school year. John-John completed first grade, and Michael finished 1st year of high school. We are still praying for TJ to see the need for his education, as he did not finish 5th grade. Please pray for him to get back on track going to school. God blessed him with great intelligence. He caught up with the Saturday memory verses by memorizing and reciting 9 memory verses last Saturday! We had to give him a shopping bag to take home his 9 prizes! Also with school being over, we completed teaching the 6th graders their Value Education classes (using the Bible) at the local public elementary school. We pray to be able to start up again next school year.



Cindy with her 6th grade Values Education class.

Praise Reports: - For God's provision and for His saving grace! Prayer Requests: -Wisdom and discernment with various issues. -Travel safety, general safety and good health. We fly to Dumaguete April 14 for the annual pastors conference. -For the congregation to trust in the Lord to tithe.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live" (John 11:25).

God Bless you! Pat and Cindy

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