



"...in him we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28)".

Training New Missionaries

I thank the Lord for the opportunity to be in charge of the training of three men and another two from our church partners for urban poor ministry. They are Pastor Larry Macalino, Pastor Michel Sabalza, Pastor Robert Manrique, Pastora Letty Mamaclai and Elmer Buado. Elmer Buado is a computer programmer. It is wonderful to see how the Lord has been preparing them for the work of the Lord. One of them shared the following during our prayer meeting:

"I thought that I will be given lots of information that I can use for the ministry among the poor. I was surprised that I am the one being ministered unto. God is changing me before I could attempt to change others".



Winston

Robert

Michel

Elmer

Larry

Letty

Another one said, "The lessons I have learned in the training has helped me see the real person that I am. God is doing a beautiful renovation of my heart. I understand the poor better now".

Other Ministries with MMP

- As a member of the executive committee I help in the decision-making in MMP.
- Opportunities to preach and lead Holy Communion in MMP.
- Opportunity to help, as part of a committee, in the reconstruction of MMP website.
- Help edit the newsletters of the missionaries.
- Help in the fine-tuning of the objectives and goals of our teams in the field.

Ministry with Christ Our Life Fellowship

I continue to preach in our church at least thrice a month. Every Sunday I also lead the Holy Communion. Preparing a sermon is like doing a balance act on a tight rope. The interplay of skill and faith reveals the grace and will of God. There is nothing more thrilling than struggling with the text on hand and putting on the words that would best communicate the Word of God. Whether many or only a few are listening it doesn't matter; preaching is a vocation, a holy office that needs to be discharged of in season or out of season. I am glad that as a family we are all involved in church ministry. Asher plays the violin (sometimes the keyboard or the guitar), Anya leads in singing, Ariel does the power-point, and Jannette prepares the elements for the Holy Communion and prays for and listens to people. She's an expert in making people comfortable. Our music team do their rehearsals in our house every Saturday afternoon and we are happy to be able to serve them dinner. Fixing a schedule for three of us couples for a Bible study continues to be illusive due to intervening circumstances to all or some of us.

Praises and Thanksgiving

1. I thank the Lord for His sustaining grace. Despite the health issues that I am going through I am able to do the things that I need to do.
2. I keep thanking God for allowing Asher and Ariel to enter the University of the Philippines (U.P.) without having much to pay for tuition fees due to their status as faculty dependents. Jannette is an Instructor in U.P.
3. Anya had a terrible allergy due to some food combination, most probably. She was itchy all over and we had to rush her to the hospital where she was given anti-allergy shot right away. Our worries soon ended when she finally recovered from it.
4. We praise the Lord for all our friends who remain faithful partners with us in the work of the gospel among the poor.
5. Praise the Lord also for the successful missions exposure with us of 16 people from U.K. last August 16-22. We have received news from some of them saying that they were greatly blessed. Three of them indicated they want to come back next year and be part of the work among the poor. Many thanks to Oak Hall and Gareth and Malou for bringing them to Manila to see what the Lord is doing among the poor. It is wonderful to see people from other nations come to join us in our ministry in the slums.

Prayer Requests

We continue to appreciate your deep prayers on the following concerns:

1. We feel that we need a bigger car. The old sedan that we have is small for us six grown up people in the family. Besides, when it rains, water leaks inside and the carpet gets soaked. Bacteria soon invade and Asher and I get nasal allergy as a result. I have filled with sealant every possible hole on the roof but water still gets in. A bigger car would also help transport our partners and visitors like the Summer Teams from the U.S. and U.K. It will also be used

in other activities like medical and dental outreaches, and retreats. Pray that the Lord will provide finances for this project.

2. Jannette has recurring pain in her left chest. We suspect that she strained some muscle a few years ago and it has not fully recovered. Please pray for healing.
3. Continue to pray for complete healing for me also. I've been taking meds prescribed by my doctor for the last two months; one more month to go. Pray that the meds will have positive effect. Some days are better but most days are really difficult. The acid reflux has improved a lot though.
4. Pray for wisdom as I and the rest of the execom members make decisions in MMP and in pastoring our missionaries.
5. The Church Leadership Council will meet in our house for prayer and discussion on church issues on September 10, 2011. Please pray for wisdom and leading of the Holy Spirit.
6. I desire to teach basic English grammar and pronunciation to some of our missionaries who need it. Please pray for wisdom and leading of the Holy Spirit, and that we can find a schedule. Pray for strength for me.

We keep thanking God for you! You are all God's gift to us! Our journey is lonely without all of you. Thank you for being a part of our lives and ministry!

Every blessing,

Winston