

Dear Pastor and Church family,

This month, March 11 to be exact, will mark two years since the lockdowns, quarantines, and restrictions brought on by COVID began. Our world was forever changed: our day to day living, our outlook on health and social awareness, the importance of human contact and interaction, and perhaps the most devastating, how strongly held opinions, when not properly expressed or accepted, can tear apart relationships, families, churches and communities. It is our prayer that church leaders, individual Christians, and Christ-centered homes would humble themselves before God and man in order to extend grace and empathy and peace during a time when there is such a great need for love and mercy and unity to be found, if no where else, within the hearts and minds of God's people, therefore... "let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."



We would like to request your continued prayers for Calvary Christian Academy. Once the gravity of the pandemic was realized and it was clear that our kids must continue their education by some means, reinventing the school to guide the learning of the students through online and modular means was a task like none other than we had previously encountered. By God's grace and wisdom, a lot of hard work and extra hours from our selfless teachers, patience and diligence on the part of parents and kids, we can say that we were successful in surviving what could have been a disastrous time for our school. However, we did suffer losses in terms of enrollment, teachers, and finances, and now that we are planning for the students to return to the classroom in August, we are faced again with huge adjustments and financial needs. Please pray that God would provide the wisdom, major finances (approximately \$20,000), and teaching staff that will be needed for the new school year.

The school has always been a major part of our ministry and yet there have been many times when we have questioned 'the fruit' or lasting results in the lives that we touched by Calvary Christian Academy. Looking at percentages, out of the hundreds of students that have been through our doors and the thousands of parents, relatives and visitors that have graced our many events, how many of them have we actually touched in a long-term, or eternal way? We may never know, until we reach heaven, for sure, but God has a way of sending sweet gifts of encouragement along our way to remind us that none of our work or labor of love is in vain, and that as long as we are doing His will and reaching people in the best ways we can, He will provide the increase. In the last few months at Hope Baptist Church, we have been encouraged to see fruit from former students and their families. Currently, 3 young professionals and a college student who were alumni of CCA in past years, have been attending our church services faithfully; 3 families that were also once part of the school have been attending; and another family that attended school in our first year of CCA in 1997 has visited and wants to be a part of our ministry once again. Please pray for one alumnus in particular that has an overwhelming desire to learn the Scriptures and get involved in the various ministries of the church. They have all been a tremendous blessing to our church, Bahay Sibol and a special encouragement to us personally.

With the lifting of all restrictions to worship, we are thrilled to again be reaching out with the gospel in different neighborhoods. We are actively preparing to meet the spiritual needs of people who have been through a trying last 2 years. The goal is to get them grounded in the Word and their personal relationship with Christ, so that they themselves might likewise guide others to Him. We continue our weekly Bible studies: one for men, one for ladies and one for the construction workers. We are particularly thankful for one construction worker that has been faithful to services and others that come sporadically; we are looking for ways to build a stronger relationship with each of them in order to reach them with the hope of a new, better life in Christ. We look forward to planning for a young adult's life group, more Sunday School classes, and a monthly fellowship for the ladies. Please keep praying for our baptism candidates and our upcoming church organization in July.

Finally, on a more personal note, please be in prayer for our three daughters: Kayla, Courtney, and Kassie. Pray for their faithful and involvement in the local churches they attend, their day to day travels, good health, relationships and safety. Being without them seems to have been too fast and too soon; not being with them anymore is a huge change. Video calls just aren't enough. We are overwhelmingly grateful, though, at how the LORD has been faithful in raising them, using them, and ordering their steps. It is our prayer that they continue to be a blessing to others for the LORD!

Loving and Serving Christ,

Bro Gormley & Family