

Dear Pastor and Church family,

Paul boldly proclaimed in Ephesians 3:20-21 “Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end”. And like Paul, we rejoice that through the establishment of a local church as a body and family of believers with a desire to reach into the community, God continues to be glorified. And, in spite of our human, limited efforts, He continues to bless and provide for us exceeding abundantly above all we could ever imagine.

Hope Baptist Church celebrated its 3rd anniversary since opening its door to serve the families and staff of Bahay Sibol as well as the families in the rural, surrounding area. On this anniversary, after getting back to a normal schedule of worship services and outreach activities, we had our official founding service wherein the regular members signed the membership charter in a show of commitment to being an active part of a church family, with it’s vision and goals set on reaching the community with the gospel message of Jesus Christ and showing them the kind of unconditional love that He would have them to know.

During our charter signing service we had 58 adults and 62 children in attendance. We celebrated with a beautiful worship service where our good friend, Pastor Jerry Boritzki, brought a wonderful message of encouragement and challenge. After the service, we had 40 young people and adults sign the membership commitment and 6 people expressed their desire, through baptism, to live a lifetime commitment to Jesus Christ. Although the church is already 3 years operational, we feel the excitement of a new start and the thrill of seeing young Christians becoming eager to learn more and strive to serve Christ by reaching out to others. Most exciting and notable are the two young ladies that accepted Christ as their Savior that morning. Please continue to pray for each member that they would remain faithful, grow stronger and deeper in their faith, and lead others also.

We look forward to the days ahead of Sunday School classes, youth group activities, supporting more missionaries, opening home Bible Studies and introducing more programs for children and their parents. Please pray as we continue to move forward in establishing Hope Baptist Church as a light of Christ’s love in our small community, with the one goal in mind of bringing people and families closer to God.

Gormley Kids! We appreciate the love and prayers that have been extended for our family, and specifically our children. As you continue to pray for our adult children, please be reminded that our adopted children: Carlo, Luis, and Joy are all in need of special and fervent prayer in order to see all of the paper work and court hearings accomplished that will allow them to be officially and legally adopted. This is most especially important given the fact that we will not be able to travel again until such time that this is accomplished. Please pray for God to intervene and that those in authority would see fit to expedite and approve all that is needed for the adoptions to be finalized and visas granted.

Calvary Christian Academy. I guess you could say that here at the school we have pulled ourselves up by our boot straps and are plugging along, despite the hard work and seemingly impossible circumstances. The Department of Education and Local Government authorities have agreed to allow schools to return to ‘limited face to face classes’ next school year, which should be starting in just about 5 weeks. They haven’t made it easy, however, with a load of new requirements, additional documents, structural upgrades and a slew of health and safety protocols that must be in place and improved through inspections before the start of the new school year. Once again, we can not say how grateful we are for the Christian school teachers that God has placed at our school. We maintain an honorable reputation in the community largely due to our teachers and their history for long terms of service. Our student population has gone from 480 students, pre-pandemic, to merely 210 so far for next year. You can imagine what such numbers has done to the school’s finances, which relies solely on the tuition fees of the students; especially since the school is a ministry that strives to meet the needs of high-quality education at a price our parents can afford. With all of this in mind, we are reaching out to you, our supporting churches, to ask if you would consider sending a special love gift this month, that we could pass along to our dedicated teaching staff as a way of recognizing and honoring the sacrifices that they have made over the last 2 years to keep the school doors open and running effectively.

Thank you again and again for your faithful love, financial and prayer support, and encouragement. Your partnership with us over the years is a testament to God’s love and grace and we ever grateful for each of you. We pray that God will return to you the blessing for your willingness to have a part in our ministry.

Loving and Serving Christ,

Bro Gormley & Family

