

Praise and Prayer Update - Nilo Sanchez

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Greetings from the Sola Gratia Family of the Philippines.

It is always a joy to be able to minister to the Churches through Bible Conferences. This year's theme is "Our Glorious Salvation in Christ Alone". The focus is the display of the majesty and glories of Christ our risen Savior in saving His people from their sin and how believers must see it that way and respond by giving their lives as total act of worship to God. It demolished man-centered teachings of salvation and placed back the Lord Jesus Christ as the center of everything.

Such unfathomable riches of His grace displayed on the cross to underserving sinners like me. What a joy to let Him be known by all peoples who listens to His Word. I can't stand for a long time preaching/teaching so I used a chair. I can't also raise my voice as it affects my ligated isophangial viens (it seemed to expand when stressed and cramp my chest bringing with it pain). But the power of God inherent in His Word not only stirs up the hearts but gladness and adoration and heartfelt praise to God. All of us went home after three days refreshed spiritually and have a new vision and understanding of our glorious salvation by grace alone and in Christ alone.

Please include in your prayers the Bible Conferences with the same theme in South Cotabato (April 2-4), Cagayan de Oro (April 30-May 2); Tagum, Davao (June 11-13), Lanao del Norte (July 30-August 1), and Leytte (Aug 21-23). Our Family camp is also coming up, April 21-23. May Christ be proclaimed with power and the Holy Spirit working mightily tranforming lives. May His glory be declared to our generation even to generations yet unborn.

In Him we live,
Nonilo

Dear Brethren,

Greetings from all of us in the Sola Gratia family in the Philippines!

The Bible Conference at Sukailang, Surigao City on March 11-13 was blessed by the Lord. Many of the brethren travelled for almost 6 hours by bus and boats to attend, living in tents as they prefer to stay for 3 days at the church. (Remember the tents Lighthouse sent us few years back? We are still using them and are praying for new ones.) The theme of the Conference was "Our Glorious Salvation in Christ Alone." I had to sit down while teaching/preaching as I can't stand long without hurting and or losing strength. The people were drinking in the Word and revel at the beauty and majesty of our Savior. We don't beautify Christ as He is already beautiful without compare. We need only to proclaim Him and how His glory was REFLECTED IN OUR SALVATION. Preaching Him defines my life and my calling, even our calling as believers. How can it be that my God should die for me? It melts my heart to think of the implications of the question. I am glad He did will be grateful forever.

Fely and I went to attend our son Kieth Abdrew's graduation in Medicine last Sunday afternoon. We praise God that He enabled Kieth to finish his medical studies. Now he is ready for the PGI for 1 year and then will take the board exam. Lord willing we will have our first missionary doctor in August of next year. Please pray that God will continue to inspire Kieth to pursue medical missionary work that he longed to be ever since. His heart is always reaching out to those who have no way of going to hospitals because they don't have the money. Kemuel, our youngest son, is also following his steps. He is now taking up pre-medicine 4 years in Biology (first year) and then another 5 years in medicine proper. They wanted to team up treating people physically at the same time preaching to them the Savior. He will surely grant the desire of our hearts.

Second year students of the seminary will be sent out for missions exposure this whole April. Some will be sent to City ministries, some to Muslim and rural ministries. Please pray that God will use them mightily in presenting the Word and will enable them to minister as true servants of Christ. Also, include in your prayers the following scheduled Bible Conferences where I will be speaking: April 30-May 2 in Cagayan de Oro City; June 11-13 in Tagum City, Davao; July 9-11 in Tubod, Lanao del Norte and another one in Luzon by August. There is always this sense of urgency in our hearts to go preach and help strengthen the Churches the Lord enabled us to pioneer. His Word is spreading and who could thwart His hand from accomplishing His purposes?

Since it is a month break in seminary (whole month of April), it is also time for me to be involved in the ongoing mobile classes. I would appreciate your prayers for me as I teach Soteriology (Doctrine of Salvation) in Surigao City, April 12-16 and in Cagayan de Oro on April 26-30. May 3 we will be back to seminary and I will be teaching the Pastoral Epistles.

The work of the Lord in Lanao del Norte where we have the outreach to Public schools is continuing and in fact digging deep. The Church in the heart of the province predominantly Muslim had grown so much they have 2 services already on Sundays and have started a training program with 30 students. The elder Board of Sola Gratia have allocated P50,000.00 (\$1,100) to buy a property. There is one available, 600 square meters for P400,000 (\$8,888.88). Help us pray for God's provision to this need (which does not include the cost of building a chapel).

Brethren, your love for the Lord encourages us to be more aggressive in serving Him. Your prayers and support enabled us to reach out deeper into where the Lord sends us. And we will continue to be where the Lord wants us to be. Blessings to you all.

In Christ,

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