

Praise and Prayer Update - Nilo Sanchez

May 15, 2010

Dear beloved brethren;

Right after I finished teaching the Pastoral Epistles yesterday, excitedly some seminary students started loading up things to the van. I watched as one of our newly accepted missionaries, Pastor and Mrs. Ysrael Estilo, were trying even to find some little more space for tiny things they felt they needed in their new assignment in South Cotabato, which is more than 400 kilometers from the seminary down south of the Island of Mindanao. Pastor Emmanuel Mendoza, the driver, came to asked me what time we have to leave? It will be 4:00 o'clock early in the morning. There were lots of activities before we finally found sleep 3 hours before we were on our way. The trip will be a blessed time for adventure again in the faith.

The news about the drop of our missions fund, rather than discouraged our people, was viewed as further confirmation from the Lord that we have to pursue what we have prayed for many months: the sending of two missionary families to new assignments. Pastor and Mrs. Ysrael Estilo to South Cotabato and Pastor and Mrs. Nestor Dahilan to Bulacan in the Luzon Island. (The Estilo's will be working together with Pastor Mariano Detorio and the Dahilan's will follow through the pioneering work in Guiginto, Bulacan and begin classes in the Mobile School. The latter will be taking the 2-days trip by boat from Surigao City to Manila this coming May 20.) WE are so excited that once again we will have an opportunity to see that God will provide for His work because He is true to Himself and His people. (There are times when there seemed to be coldness in my spine thinking what will become of these families who obeyed God's call should we fail to send them their allowances? But what a peace reigning in my heart being persuaded that God in His faithfulness will never fail to answer prayers- His goodness not being a reward but that He cannot stop being who He is.) In fact, my heart many times experienced unspeakable joy in anticipation of what God will accomplish through His work 3, 5 or 10 years from now? O the privilege of making His glory known!

Pastor Detorio and Ronie Frias were tasked to install the Estilo's tomorrow at Community Bible Church in Polunoling, Tupi, South Cotabato. Lord willing we would like also to see the Dahilan's before they will leave next week. Please include them in your prayers.

Classes next week for the first year will be Christology and for the second year will be Discipleship and Fellowship. It will then be followed by Exposition of Genesis 1-11 and another class on Marriage and Family. Appreciate your constant prayers for us. Blessings to you all.

For He alone is worthy,
Nonilo Sanchez

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May 7, 2010

Dear brethren;

Greetings from the whole family of Sola Gratia in the Philippines.

We are grateful to the Lord and you for helping us reach this far in the ministry with your prayers and financial support. Attached is the latest email I received from ECMI informing us that the support level in our account had gone so low. (The monthly support we needed for the seminary and the Church planting ministry will cost us \$ 8200 something every month.) God has a purpose why for the first time we experienced this situation and am excited how God would deliver us from it. Please include us in your prayers. No one can persuade me the work of the Lord is dictated by finances. It is by His Spirit and His commitment for His glory that we are here serving Him according to His mercy. He might be testing and exposing our hearts, mine personally, if I truly trust Him. He is aboundingly gracious yet somehow have chosen to work in mighty ways in answer to His people praying. Thanks for letting us up in His throne of grace. God bless you so abundantly.

Christ Jesus is Lord of all,
Nonilo Sanchez

