

Dear Pastor Rich,

There was technical problem in my iPad while I tried to send you with photos and I am sending it again . Please bear with me for the inconveniences.

“But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.....”

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season.....For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching.....” 2 Timothy 3:1-4:1-5

One of the graduated students said, God does not call the qualified but qualifies the called. I am truly convinced that God has used SGMI/GITS as a means to qualify me to be the one who would proclaim Christ and spread the glory of God by great doctrine of Scriptures- the doctrine of grace. His name is Agu Kamei. He is brilliant but humble, and teachable. Through the candid teaching gave by the faculty gives me hope and learn what it means to be a radical Christians sold out for Christ he added. Another students said, God has transformed me through the classes GITS has offered and has really helped my theological beliefs and in balanced understanding of Scripture.

Beloved pastor, I must mentioned this thing because 13 students have graduated last Friday. It was busy time but productive season. We were preparing for this end of final examinations and graduation ceremony when the vow is being taken by all students and their call to full time ministry is recalled before their parents and church. From their end, all of them have done a good job, and as seminary we were celebrating the faithfulness of God upon their lives. Picture enclosed .





For this very reason while fully engaged in works, I was unable to attend to your curiosity all these delays and become very late. I hope you will bear with me for the delay. But I praise God for His Healing touch upon my life. I was going a long physical treatment three weeks before this graduation ceremony !

I am talking 9 students and 4 faculty teachers for preaching tour to visit 12 churches, and we will be leaving this Saturday, the 11 of May 2019. The purpose is to encourage the church that each students belongs to, and to deepen our relationships with them. As we plan to move back to Ukhrul in a near future, it's a high time for us to seeking partnership and relationship with the local churches. We do have a great burden to recall the authority of scripture and breakthrough the traditional and cultural practices in the local churches. Who knows God might bring massive awakening and revival within the church during this preaching tour. Students will share testimony of God and praise while pastors will bring forth the Word of God. Miraculously God has provided the resources for all expenses. BUT uphold us in the time of your personal and group prayer till our battle is over.

More over, our kids just got off for summer vacation and I am taking my family also to Ukhrul Manipur. Again, the purpose of going is to speed up the work of the school building and to let my kids taste what village will be when we move back sometimes later. Besides, I am fully engaged to preaching schedules. My wife Ayar will also be speaking for women during Mother's Day, she is excited for this opportunity of ministering the villagers through the Word. I am also happy for her.

In the past months, God has allowed us to accomplish many spiritual services and qualitative works. Sports outreach was performed giving platform for young men and woman to listen to preached word. House church was also being extended through wedding. It's an honour with Joy for me to be able to join such a faithful couple in holy marriage. Five brothers and one sister got saved and received water baptism. We did receive a sweet 'Hello' and prayers from John Jinata of CBC, Vallejo who visit us. His visit was indeed a blessing to our growth group and church. I have surplus photos of these events to show you in action but I couldn't enclose this time.

The best part for this end of my update is to tell you that in the midst of unpredictable threats and sufferings, we are doing OK. Truly there is pain before the gain, there is a sacrifice before there would be glory. As the Bible says, if you follow Jesus, there's a cross for you too. There's no glory without suffering. There's no crown without a cross. What a called toward the required obedience !

And another second best part for me to tell you is that the school building is on progress. My two big brothers are dedicating whole hearted to progress the work since March. I must show it's photos. Let me also send Vedios in separate attachment later.



Prayer points:

1. Prayer for our graduated students as they are going home to involve and serve in their respective local church.
2. Pray for our gospel tour. We need God's power and revelation of His Word, good health, good weather, and total protection from harms and persecutions.
3. Pray for my health and my family for safety journey. We shall be travelling together this Saturday.
4. Pray for Ami as he stays back at Delhi, looking after the church and pulpit preaching, discipleship, and seminary.
5. Pray for resources/ fund for school building, so that we can continue to work on toward completion on time. Of course do remember in your prayers for our monthly support as well.
6. Pray for our nation to have good governance and political rest so that they won't harm the minorities and their faith. Things in India are turning from bad to worst, more deceptions and lies. Election is going on.

Thank you so much once again for upholding us in your prayers and being a faithful partner in the gospel ministry with us as your support. I will see you in the next mail. Till then, To God be the glory ...great things He has done!

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