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Letter from David

Dear Friends

Thank you so very much for your practical support & prayers for the work following the death of Pastor Renato & particularly for your support for Nelia his wife.

You will see from Nelia's two letters that she has struggled to cope but after a few days in her home village in the mountains she is back spreading the gospel again, albeit she still grieves much for Renato.

As you will see, she has a renewed vision from the Lord & we shall be supporting her work as she equates to life without Renato.

However, despite feeling she has to move on from the church which the sons have taken over, she has support from many of the pastors in the churches she helped Renato to plant & they are already giving her help & support.

We shall endeavour to help her in relation to a vehicle to get to the villages in the mountains to facilitate much of her work. She has already started & has been preaching & working for the Lord despite everything.

We shall continue to support the work she has had to leave behind



whilst we see what happens & of course Pastor Ariel & Pastor Pat along with Pastors Helen & Marilou also Janet & Larry continue as before.

Please continue to pray much & your support is invaluable as always. Details as below for any gifts or requests for

information. No deductions are made from gifts which go direct to Pastors.

Many thanks. In the Lord David

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Letter from Sister Nelia 2nd April

Blessed easter holiday to all of you!

Thank you very much for all your moral, spiritual & financial support in my sadness days. Sometimes I can say...that I was just dreaming! But I have to accept the reality that Renato is with the Lord & the ministry is owned by his sons. I remember the days of Job; he lost his family and everything he had in just a very short days but God restored everything in due time. I do believe that God will do it unto me. My heart misses Renato everyday, but I have to get up and start over again. I thank God for his word who gave me strength. Everything was changed in the cycle of my life and in the ministry. Watching the church and the people is very painful for me but I have to get out from my comfort zone for a better purpose and to look forward of the greater things that God has preparing for me. Thank you very much for being here for me. What I really need now is a car, even just a second hand to be use for the missions to villages and mountainous areas because the first family of Renato will use the car here in the ministry. Just keep praying for me; we can do greater things together in the next coming days. New ministries that we are going to do to please God. I have a lot of vision in the tribal areas because there are so many people needs to hear the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1st Plan: is to have a Bible School Training Center

2nd plan: is to built churches to every villages,

3rd plan: equip young people

4rth plan: adopt homeless children

5th plan: visit the tribal church once a month

It's all by the grace of God that all of this vision/mission will be done by the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, I do believe before the second coming of the Lord Jesus, many will be save in the villages and mountain areas as only few missionaries and ministers are willing to minister due of crisis economy there. I trust God of the vision I have right now. Please continue pray for me and thanks everyone for keeping me in your prayers and encouragement words for me. To God be all the glory!!!

In Christ,

Sister Nelia Advento

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Letter from Sister Nelia 11th April

Christian Greetings to all of you!

Just to let you know about my plan in serving the Lord. I'm still here in the place of Renato until now, I was looking a space for rent so I can start over again after grieving of my husband death; I didn't find a place where I can start over again here in Dipolog. Maybe, the Lord didn't allow me to have a church near here at Dipolog because He don't want me to create division in the Church where I and Renato built together for He allows all this things to happen for He has a greater plan for me in my village. My plan right now is to move at the mountain and focus to minister to the less fortunate, to the native people, hopeless people where there are many of them are hungry and ignorant of the true gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are only few missionaries coming there because they can't handle the low economy, the cold temperature and transportation is bad for only few vehicles are running there and muddy road to that place but the Lord shows me a lot of vision in that place. Many people are living there; children, youths, women and men but lack of knowledge the reason many of them being deceived by the devil that the savior is the tribal leader. The people there are busy of their individual life and became a drunkard person and I was dreaming that place 1 year ago that I was preaching to them and says that they need to hear the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many neighbors of that village has no church and it's my prayer to build churches to every area where there are many less fortunate living because my place is the central part throughout Mt. Malindang Range in Mindanao. When I get home, I will be living in my Moms house together with some children who will come with me. Renato and I has a vision before to build a bible school in my village; during our campus ministry there, there are some students that are willing to study bible school but we didn't open it yet because we have no space where students can stay and study. During my vacation last week there are 4 youths asking me again when to start to open a bible school there? and I just replying them by the grace of God we can start it sooner or later. There are some Pastors are willing to help me teach them, and I do believe God will raise native youths to become leaders and missionaries in that area. Please continue to pray for me because I can't do this without your prayers and support and to everyone who was with me and Renato in the ministry. The ministry of Renato will be extend... what

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we have started it will continue until to the ends of our village or to the end of the earth. After 1 month of grieving my heart is now ready to start over again, though my heart still hurts of what happened here but I keep trusting God that He will help me to move forward. Its my Joy to serve God and let the will of God will be done in my life. Also, our neighbors there has a wif connection and I was trying to connect there so I can able to connect with you but it is very slow because its the only wif in my village and many are connected. But, when I get my own wif, its fast and easy to communicate you. Also, since the Pastors and the members are asking me to visit them, I divide my time every 2 days each week I will come down here in the city and spent some time with them; share the word and continue our bible studies. I praise God I have peace of having this decision so that the family of Renato can able to fly their own wings of leading the local church here and I will also continue to fly where God called me to do His will.

Again, thank you so much and to everyone who are always with me in my sadness moment. You help me so much to move forward, your prayers helping me to see Gods greater plan and miracles in the future. God bless you all.

In Christ, Nelia Tawi Advento



Nelia (centre, white top, red skirt) visiting Ptr Jorem's church at Olingan Sunday 11th (district in Dipolog City) to give bible study and pastoral encouragement.

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Letter from Pastor Ariel 1st April

Shalom!

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, From your brethren here in Mindanao, Philippines. In behalf of my family and the whole congregation here we just want to extend our Thanks and gratitude to all of you there who made an effort in helping us in our ministry through your gift in a monetary form.

As you all knew that your gift is a great help and blessings for our ministry so that we can do more in the ministry as the Lord God guides us and leads us to do the things that He wants us to do.



The Lord enable us to Minister again in some places here in our neighboring areas since the pandemic was happened; we minister to the Children in our neighborhood through our feeding outreach Program. And some of the kids from that area is part of our schooling program. They are all happy and bless together with their parents.

Recently Two days ago the Lord enable us to Travel in the next Province of Zamboanga del Sur. Particularly in Pagadian City. We visit our Pastor there and to see the progress of their work in the Ministry. We praise God for the good result of our Pioneering Ministry in that place

many souls will be added to our Ministry in that place. Please continue to uphold them in prayer. Our Pastors who work there is Pastor Nelson and Jocelyn Ceslis, together with their three kids.

They are now in needs of Church building for them to gather and to Worship our God in Unison. Also our Ministry in Midsalip is now expanding to another Barangay. Many Tribal people who are hunger for the spiritual things; they are eager

to hear the gospel of the Lord in their place and they made a request to have a regular meeting place. There will be great harvest in these last days as the Lord Jesus mentioned in the Gospel that Truly the harvest is plenty but the laborers are



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few so therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest and He will send forth more laborers in His Vineyard.

We just want to thank you also for sponsoring one of our Youth who enroll in our newly started Bible School. Her name is Kristel Marsala Redoblado. 22 Years old. She's actively involved in our Youth Ministry and Children Ministry, regarding to our local Fellowship here in Donia Consuelo, Ozamiz City. We Praise and thank the Lord for His continues guidance and multiplying our church attendance and membership. Our Church building project here is gradually developed. Our meeting place is almost done. The only thing that lacking is the glass Window. We are positively that by this year our project was completely done. We are going to send you a video later if the ground floor of this building project was completely done. To God be all the glory. Before I say bye for now once again thank you so much to all of you for remembering us always in your prayers and also to your untiring support for our ministry here in Mindanao, Philippines. May the Lord God richly bless you in everything you do for His glory and honor. Take care and have a blissful day ahead....Maranatha!

Together with our Love and Prayers,
Ariel,Aileen,David Leeniell and the twins and the whole JTFOL Fellowship

Letter from Pastor Pat & Sister Jerry 7th April

dearest ptr. david- maam ann,

"GOD grace in the heart brings out good deeds in the life".

blessed & great day ptr. david- maam ann ! we never cease to be always thankful of the love gift you shared to the ministry in the amount of P 47,407. exntending or thanks also to sir philip & to the rest of the sponsors.

we continue to pray and trust the LORD that jail visitation will be open for us to go on with our religious work. but even then needs of inmates were facilitated through a trusted friend from the area. it is the desire of the inmates to visit them personally. we don't have the choice but only to accommodate their request.

as we can see in the report that COVID increases in number. personally, we don't believe on it. they wanted the people to be vaccinated. we hope and pray that this pandemic will disappear or end. we just observe health protocols to avoid contamination.

regarding the computer ptr. david, we have at home. we applied for net connection but until now no available line yet. thus, we usually visit to an internet cafe. due to several users connection sometimes fails or slow down.

with the present situation, works for the glory of GOD's kingdom goes on except for jail & hospital visitation. photos of activities for the month of MARCH ,2021 were downloaded but details of report were just emailed. our apology for the

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delayed due to some interventions ptr. david. activities done for the month of **MARCH, 2021** were as follows:

monday:

1,8,15,22 & 29 - morning prayer joined by pastors of different churches. prayed for continuous GOD's protection of all missionaries, evangelists, apostles, prophets, pastors and all church workers. a soul a day conducted in the different areas. (ptr. david some activities don't have photos taken).

8 - children/ adult feeding @ ptra. marilou's church, in banicapt, galas, dipolog city. shared GOD's Word before they partake the food.
- marilou was thankful of the benefit extended to her and even requesting her regard to you & brethren.

tuesday:

2,9,16, 23 & 30 - daily morning prayer @ the convention center, dipolog city. concerned for all Christians faithfulness of serving the LORD.

- in the afternoon @ 4, shared the message on END TIMES @ the public market. it is to inform the public to prepare themselves as GOD is coming very soon.

- 6:30pm -9:30pm - night fellowship with brethren from various churches.

wednesday :

3,10,17, 24 & 31- concerned to all gov't officials to maintain decency & honesty while serving the people.

- 10am-2pm - a soul a day wherein 3 souls accepted JESUS CHRIST as the LORD & SAVIOR.

- 6:30pm-8pm - prayer meeting with brethren.



thursday:

4,11,18 & 25 - prayed for the people in all provinces, municipalities & cities of the philippines of their faithfulness to GOD & turned from their wicked ways and repent.

- soul winning with 4 unsaved souls accepted HIM.

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friday:

5,12,19 & 26 - devotional prayer meeting every morning. concerned from GOD's protection against COVID to all the people around the world.
- 10am-2pm - a soul a day of which 1 soul accepted JESUS CHRIST as their LORD & SAVIOR.

saturday :

6,13,20 & 27 - prayed for the seven (7) pillars of the society of their faithfulness in serving GOD & to the people.

sunday:

7,14,21 & 28 - dawn prayer @ 4 with pastors & brethren from different denominations.

- 9am-11am - sunday worship with brethren despite the pandemic. declaring GOD's goodness that never fails.

days fly that we are hopeful that everything will be normal so that we can smoothly penetrate with our activities for the edification of the body of CHRIST.

our thanks ptr. david-maam ann of being generous for caring the ministry. GOD bless million folds !!! keep safe & fit always . . .

AGAPE love, ptr. pat-jerry

