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Letter from Philip

Dear Friends in Christ, Whilst at present current events in Israel probably predominate our prayers and concerns, we thank God that he is still reaching out to the gentiles until the full number has come in (Romans 11:25). With that in mind we read in God's word in Acts 19:5 '*When they heard this they were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus*' and in Galatians 3 : 27 *For as many of you as were baptised into Christ have put on Christ*'. Baptism is a



theme that has come through in the reports from the Philippines Pastors in recent months as you will see in this newsletter. Praise God for these new believers and maybe some not so new as they demonstrate their

allegiance to Christ Jesus. Thank you once more for your faithful giving and prayers which God uses for His glory and to give the increase in this particular mission field. Your donations achieve much.

As ever, of course, the enemy seeks to oppose and disrupt. For example Sister Nelia suffered a burglary and also had clashes between the army and communist rebels nearby in her mountain area which restricted the work for a time, Pastor Ariel has had a health issue to contend with and has had to take some time out and Pastor Roan has had to relocate a Bible Study group due to an unbelieving husband who became truculent and threw them out !

Notwithstanding the many challenges the Pastors continue as an encouragement to us as they follow Paul's counsel in 2 Corinthians 1 :7 '*My beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the love of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord*'.

Yours in Christ's service Philip

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10

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Report from Pastor Ariel : Jul-Oct

July - Greetings from Jesus the Fountain of Life Fellowship Mindanao, Philippines. Thank you so much for the Monetary support that you send for our Ministry. Last July 9, We were at our Church in Dumingag Zamboanga del Sur then July 12, Children Outreach at Purok 2, Dona Consuelo Ozamis City. The same date that afternoon we did our Local Crusades on that same place and location. **Thirty People received the Lord Jesus in their hearts as their Lord and Savior.** To God be all the glory.

Last July 15 was my 47th Year Birthday. I Thank and Praise the Lord for another Year of my Life that He extended. We are going to Municipality of Ramon Mag-saysay for Youth Camp. There are Fifteen Youth delegates from our local Church here in Ozamis. I speak the Word of God on the First evening of the said event. July 18, I will be in the Police Provincial Office to Minister some of the Police officers.

This month we baptised Ten Youth. Glory to God.

Thank you so much all supporters for your constant prayers and untiring support for our Ministry here. We have a new Church planted in Barangay Basirang, Ozamis City



Pastor Willy Jay and Pastor Jesreal are the Ministers to Minister to the People in that area. May the Lord God richly bless you in everything you do for His glory. Maranatha! The Lord Jesus is coming very soon.



August

Last Month of July the Lord enabled us to reach out Ten Children from our neighborhood and presently they are now actively involved in our Children Sunday class.

The parents of the kids that I mentioned are not believers yet but we are praying through the lives of those kids they saw the changes and the works of the Lord.

This month we are quite busy buying stuff for the School supplies and uniforms for the Sponsored Children because classes are about to start. Then we are hosting

an Evangelistic Concert Crusades this coming Friday August 18 to be held in People's Park Gymnasium, Tangub City. This afternoon we have Childrens feeding outreach.



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Sept

Thank you all so much for remembering us in your prayers and also thank you for your generous monetary support for our ministry here. It is a great help for us to do more for God's glory. Following our Evangelism outreach in early June **when many gave their lives to the Lord** our Churches in that Municipality in Barangay Guinabot and Barangay Tuluan are experiencing growth in Attendance.

Recently we also visited our Outreach Church in Pagadian City. Then many people also joined in their local Fellowship Center. So we do the Church building flooring in that area. Tomorrow we are going back again to that place to finish the flooring project.

By next Month God willing we are going to start clearing our area in Ozamis City where we build our School rooms and Orphanage. Again before I say bye for now please we extend our warm regards to all our brethren there in your place.



Worship at the Youth Camp at Ramon Magsaysay

Ariel sharing with children at Purok 2, Dona Consuelo

Early Oct

Last week I experienced health problems. I went to the doctor for a check up, I underwent some laboratory testing like ECG, X-ray etc. The doctor advised me to rest for a while because my heart beat is not normal. But I trust the Lord that He is going to heal me and deliver me from this.

(Philip note : Please pray for healing for our brother)



Ariel adds : All of these Ministry and projects made possible through your constant prayers and monetary support. May the Lord God richly bless all our brethren who extend help for our Ministry here.

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Report from Sister Nelia : Jul-Oct

July

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus! I just want also to thanks everyone who was a big help to the ministry here by assisting us financially and for your prayer support. The ministry won't be successful without your help. We have nothing to pay you all in return but only is to mention you all in our prayers.

Greater Faith Ministry is doing well by the grace of our Lord Jesus and I thank God for His unmerited love and favor. The ministry is growing day by day not just in number but especially on their spiritual aspect. Many tribal souls been saved, many cult foundation has been broken but we have a few deaths which test their faith. I thank God that the daughter Churches is doing will by the grace of God.



Next week we have a crusade and children's Ministry, celebrating our 2nd year Anniversary as an independent Church. Having disci-

plemanship and also by tomorrow we will be having **Baptisms** and also we will make a Prayer Rally again in our Public Market. This month we also continue the childrens feeding programme, house to house evangelism, assisting poor families and assisting the bible scholars for their graduation.



Aug

This month we do Youth activities, discipleship training, feeding program and visiting School Campuses. I thank God the school campus ministry was been extended to other Municipality near here in Mt. Malindang as the youth are being badly influenced by social media.



Ministry here in the village is also focusing in nurturing them in the Gospel of Christ Jesus, train the Women's and youth department so many can share the gospel of Christ for many is the harvest and few are laborers. The GFM Pastors are also doing well despite of the economic crisis.

Praise God that I was also able to preach at the **local radio station** with thousands of people listening to the word of God.



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Nelia Aug (Cont'd)

This month Filipino people are being shocked of the market prices. The prices were being so high. My heart is so sad on watching the news that many kids and senior citizens are going to bed with a hungry stomach. I am always praying to God that the Lord will use more people to help us here in the ministry so we can do more in the Lord so we can use resources to visit hopeless people and introduce Christ as their Savior.

My heart again thanks you for all your generousities. May God bless you all.

(Philippine note : Nelia was also able to pray and share the gospel with the local mayor and LGO officials per the photo right)



Sept

The government are calling our attention to preach the word of God to the most unfortunate villagers. I thank God for the opportunity to share the gospel of God and it was so exciting to meet a lot of people who are very hungry and thirsty to hear the gospel as many are hopeless of what the world's happening right now. We continue the works in the Church here in Mt. Malindang, We also buy a roof to other Church, Having feeding program, Youth Fellowship, discipleship and helping kids for their school. I thank God for all your prayers and financial support. By your help I can go many places, share the gospel, can help the needy and can build churches slowly. To everyone who continues to send their financial supports I do appreciate all your kindness. Please continue to pray for us. Your financial help is a big big help to us to maintain the works of the kingdom of the Lord here. And May the Lord bless you all.



Photo from a GFM village outreach

Early Oct

Late last month our area was in a Red Alert because there was an encounter between the Government troops and the Rebels group. Some Soldiers stayed in the Church as well to protect the people in our village. Thankfully that has now ended.

Last other day someone stole some belongings of the Church while we're not around and I praying and hoping that God will supply the needs of the Church Building. Thank you so much again that the monthly support helps us to have a comfortable place to worship. What we're praying right now is for secure windows and doors. We need 9 windows and 3 doors.

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Jul-Oct: Pastor Roan in Northern Visayas

Pastor Roan has continued to open new Bible Study groups through the growth and new believers that the Lord is giving. As well as Pastoring his home church in Las Navas and the planted church in Pambujan he has added new bible study groups in different villages now up to five, keeping him very busy.

We funded two minibuses to take 25 candidates for **baptism** at the coast. We also sent a donation for adopted baby girl Hadassah's first birthday. Part of our donations pay the monthly rent for his home church but Roan asks us to join him in praying for the Lord to provide funds for a site to build a permanent church to reduce their outgoings.

Roan and his family live by faith and our donations also help feed his family (otherwise he approaches local farmers for gleanings) and help meet Hadassah's needs for which he is always grateful as shown by the following message *'Thank you all for your concern for us here and the love that you share with us. Me and Reah are so happy because God answered our prayers. We treasure in our heart the good things that you have done for us. Today I can say our lives are changed since we connected with you all. Glory and honor to God.'*



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Pastor Bob Advento

Bob's church is part of the King Jesus Christian Fellowship (KJCF) group of churches founded 40 years ago by his late father Renato. KJCF recently held a 40th anniversary celebration at which Bob spoke.

In his most recent report Bob writes : Greetings and

praying everything is well with you all. We are all doing well here in the Philippines and the ministry. We praise God for His goodness and faithfulness. The ministry in the mountains and villages are continuing. New fellowship buildings are finish and other are just starting. Glory be all to God, in Jesus. Children ministry in mountain and villages also continue by God's grace. Please, continue to pray for them. Also, **please pray** for these 3 kids, Kikay, Jun-Jun and Ryan as we have just rescued them yesterday from their uncle's home because their uncle abuse them specially Kikay their sister. Their father already died and their mother is working overseas to provide for the family, they are in our church before. For now they are living with us and are safe. Thanks be to God. Blessings to you in Christ, Your brother and co-laborer in Christ, Bob



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Pastor Pat

We give thanks that Pat seems to be recovering his joy in the Lord since the loss of wife Jerri almost a year ago as witnessed by the smiling photo below. He has asked that we pray that he can get back into the prison and hospital for Gospel outreach and witness.

Meanwhile he continues with itinerant and street preaching, supporting outreach and evangelism and the children's feeding and teaching programme. He has also visited Pastor Marylous church and Pastor Larry, Janet and daughter Angelica whom some of you may recall from way back to check that they are ok and his feedback was positive albeit Angelica still battles with her health but is bright enough.

Ever grateful in his most recent communication Pat writes to all donors : *May grace and peace be upon all of you. May the Lord our God bless you abundantly! I am deeply grateful to the Lord for blessing me and my family with such amazing individuals. I am eternally thankful to God for this precious life. The kindness you*

have shown to me and others has been a tremendous blessing in my life. May God greatly bless you for all that you are doing! With warm regards in Christ Jesus, Bro. Pat de Guzman



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