

Charlie Sabado Family Newsletter (September & October 2010)



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Greetings family, friends and supporters! We wish all of you in good health and in wonderful spirit as you embrace the fall season that brings a lot of excitement. God is so good He lets us relish the hot days out in the beach and yet He gives us that longing to just curl up in our favorite sofa and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa during cold, windy days.

Well, here in the Philippines, we have experienced the extremities of both hot and cold weather. In the long days of hot summer, some ricefields does not produce a yield and others become even barren. When rainy season comes, we just don't get plenty of rain, we get floods all over. For the past years this seemed to be the trend. Just recently in October we were hit by typhoon "Juan", the tenth and considered to be the strongest tropical storm that came this year. We don't know how many typhoons or catastrophes are coming in for the nth time. But one thing for sure, our Almighty God is always there to protect us and will never disappoint us in such times of tribulation.

FIRST BAPTISM IN TAGPURO



[Young visitors who always occupy the whole nipa cottage every Sunday](#)

The first Sunday worship in Tagpuro last July 4th was very promising. Many visitors from the village came, mostly preschool and grade school children. The female students had enjoyed teaching and entertaining this bunch of kids. The glow in their faces is a mere reflection that they were amazed at the bible stories and songs they've never heard before. We are proud of our students who are doing great evangelism works in the neighborhood and they are constantly encouraging the residents to set up home Bible studies with them and attend worship service. Most of the parents would allow their children to attend Sunday school. In fact, one Sunday had gathered a crowd of more than 40 children.



Tereso, seated extreme right during a worship service, feels glad that he doesn't have to travel to Tacloban every Sunday

The family of Tereso Griego has been attending worship service in our local church in Utap Road for several months. Tereso is a resident of the small village in Tagpuro and one of the laborers that were hired to construct the first school facilities. His dedication to earn an honest living is probably one of the main reasons why he was retained to work in the

main building construction. Through the persistent effort of two of our top students, Richard Sajonia and Marvin Mangguilimutan, brother Tereso accepted Christ and was baptized last month in the nearby ocean just within walks away from the LCC campus.

Also in October, just as we have just finished with our bible study in the book of Proverbs, we were surprised when Letty Biong announced to us that she wanted to be baptized right after the worship service. Sister Letty is a real estate broker and has been a regular Sunday visitor for more than a month. What a precious blessing for the Utap Road Church of Christ and for the newly established congregation in Tagpuro!

2nd LCC INTRAMURALS

The opening of classes for the first semester was a bit delayed due to some transition, notwithstanding the fact that we were eagerly waiting for the main building to be finished. Though late, we went ahead with the classes under open nipa cottages. So for this year, we were so glad that we were able to hold our annual intramurals during the last week of September, a month later than last year. Though it was a bit tiring because some of the activities have to be done in several locations, it went successful and full of fun. This yearly activity does not only promote bonding among faculty and students but also creates a time of revelation of hidden talents and skills. We are truly proud of our students who are excelling both in sports and academics.



From tough marathon..... to lighthearted comical act..... down to the intricate yet creative pieces of straw

Final exams had just ended for our students and most of them are homeward bound for the school break. We are expecting them to be back for the 2nd semester by last week of November.

OUR WORK CONTINUES

Two months have passed since our last update on the ongoing construction of LCC main building and we are just so overwhelmed of the big improvements. Time moves quickly and as we were able to manage to hold classes under the breezy nipa huts despite rain and strong winds, we hardly notice the roof of the building almost being completed. Hopefully before the year ends we can hold in this new building not only regular classes and library works, but also other activities like basketball practice. Please include the main building in your prayers. Rainy season has come and it may pose some problems in the progress of the construction.



Also please keep Charlie in your prayers as he is adjusting to a new lifestyle of diet and medication. We believe that God will provide and that step by step, we will get through all the medical tests required. The doctor suggested that another contributing factor to the chest pain is the presence of nodules in Charlie's throat. For the meantime, we are trying to save some money for a trip to a bigger city so that he could undergo a biopsy as requested by his doctor. To all of you who have donated funds for Charlie's medication, thank you very much. This is truly a tough time for us and the prayers and financial help you have extended to us are very much appreciated.

Brethren, thank you very much for making these things possible for us. Everytime we see our students improving in class or reaching out to the community in whatever way they can, we are reminded that we are only the means of the sacrifice you put into this work. Your part in providing their physical needs such as food, shelter and learning facility is so tremendously inspiring.

To all our personal supporters, our family is forever grateful to each and every one of you for your benevolent hearts and your continued support through your love, encouragement, prayers and financial contributions throughout these years. We are praying and looking forward to more years of working together to train young people to become spiritually equipped with God's wisdom in seeking and saving the lost. In God we trust for all the endeavors we seek for the glory of His kingdom.