

My greetings to you and to your loved ones, and of course to the beloved elders, deacons, preacher and to all the saints there.

The 1st week of my preaching here in Kalayaan is not good because I met a hot-headed man and trouble maker in San Juan. Although he is just a visitor in my prospect and sympathizer, he mingle to our conversation, then frequently asked me questions. When I rebutted all his question and argument, he got mad and attempted to hurt me. I just smiled then I resumed on my preaching. Then my sympathizer apologized in behalf of the said trouble maker.

I met him again on my 3rd days house-to-house and attempted to hurt me again so I was forced to defend myself by twisting his arms and locked it. He shouted because of pain and I told him "Next time, I will bring you to the Police Station and I'll file a case against you". Ever since that incident, I neither seen him again nor attempt to hurt me.

Being a fisherman in that area, I was unlucky. Anyway, I changed my area in Longos on the 2nd week. I met Mr. Mario Yapana, the abroaders man (A man who worked abroad). He became interested on my preaching, he's actually a member of UCCP (United Church of Christ in the Philippines). I taught him very carefully and preach the precious gospel. But his wife is a fanatic in Ibenzer. She doesn't want to hear my preaching though Mr. Mario Yapana and a couple of his friend loved it. Unfortunately, he and his family went to Manila for business matter on 3rd week. He returned 3 days ago from Manila. But his couple friends named Ramy Dada and his wife, Minda were continuously hearing my preaching, however, they likely to be baptized together with Mr. Mario Yapana. About 6 families who are constantly hearing the word of God here in Longos but not much interested as Mario and his couple friends. Hopefully, they'll obey the gospel.

In Paete, there are 2 families that are constantly hearing. And the owner of the grocery store, a Bicolano man (person born in Bicol Province) will obey.

In Jasaan, the friend of sister Daniela, named Cherry shall be baptized last Sunday but got canceled due to flu. Cherry is Daniela's classmate in Senior High School. There was also a couple who are very interested upon knowing the great difference between the only one true church, the "Church of Christ" founded by Christ and Iglesia Ni Cristo founded by Felix Manalo here in the Philippines. They became interested and hopefully will obey the gospel. There are 3 families that are constantly hearing on my preaching there in Jasaan but they're compromised to their boss which is Born Again Pastor. They're actually working on his banana plantation.

I got flu for almost a week due to climate changes, but I am fine now.

Maybe upon the next arrival of bro. Ron Halbrook here in our country, we will invite him in Jasaan. Bro. Lino promised to shoulder the food for the gospel meeting.

Recently, February 12 was my birthday. Our children shoulder all the expenses. Our children are all loving and we are lucky in having these kind of children.

Hopefully that my Lord's work will improve more upon having a vehicle service, not so long because bro. Lino promise to lend me 150K peso for the vehicle church service. It is better than to buy an installment vehicle. Just because it has no profit, I'll pay him quarterly. In Lord's will before the end of this year, we will transfer to Jasaan.

As to my Social Media preaching, my eyes are not good enough yet for using cellphone nor laptop. However, I was forced to use it for the brethren overseas workers for bible study with them. Like sis Alice Agustin, Mandy, Olie and Chonette Dimaunahan.

I also have a bible study to my group chat in "Algaba's Family". As well with "Orbista Family", they are from my Father's side mother. Sometimes, discussion in messenger to some African members of denomination. But my mobile phone sim card LTE is not enough to open my gmail and yahoo account since we are far from the cell site of both Globe and Smart (network). We are only able to open Facebook and Messenger. Our internet provider, PLDT was destroyed during the last strong typhoon and it was never fixed.

Thank you very much my dear brother for the constant trust and fellowship with me. Thank you for the prayers in behalf of us. You are all kept in our prayers.

In Chirst,

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Photos will be followed but there's no more repitition for every meeting.