Efren Algaba – July Report

Greetings to you, to your loved ones and to all the Elders, Preacher, Deacons and all the Saints there in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As to my work in the past month.

June 16: Brother Rolly and I went to San Juan to preach there. We went to his daughter's house and preached the gospel there, her father-in-law also heard as well as her other sister. hopefully they will obey the gospel soon.

June 20: Sunday Service both in Longos and Jasaan with same schedule as always, 9:00 am - 11:00 am here while 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm there at Jasaan. I was kind of not feeling well that day due to very high blood pressure and dizziness, I just took my medicine before going to Jasaan. The same day, the forex balik-bayan package from brother Ron Halbrook arrived consists of clothes and blankets, shoes, foods, lots of reading materials, bibles and song books, there's also cd's and the brethren here are all delighted as well in Pulosahi for the song books. Thank you so much brother Ron Halbrook and please also extend my thanks to all the beloved brethren there. June 21 - 24: My foot got swollen, my blood pressure wasn't going back to normal, I had hiccups, I almost can't eat, I'm always vomiting, and extreme dizziness.

June 25: We decided to have checkups at PGH, they checked my blood pressure and gave me medicines for it, we found out that I had a high uric acid resulting for vomitting and continuous rising of high blood pressure, I had a blood chem test and it showed that I had very low counts of electrolytes, sodium and potassium due to continuous vomitting. They strictly advised I must be hospitalized and if I stayed at home, my condition might worsened and will lead to severe seizures. My family urged me be hospitalized despite knowing we didn't have enough budget for the hospitalization fees specially because PGH is a private hospital, we chose this because they don't cater covid patients so it is a covid free hospital. They strongly told me that money can be earned but our life is far more important so I agreed in the end and had anti-gen test which has negative result then got confined the same day.

June 27: Since I was in the hospital, for Sunday Service, brother Narcing was incharge of Longos while brother Lino in Jasaan.

June 29: We were supposed to be discharge, brethren from Navotas, Canlubang and my Daughters and Sons sent some money, unfortunately it was still not enough for the hospitalization fee. It was evening when I received an email from brother Jim and brother Ron Gray about the funds, through the help of brother Salvador, I had the reference number for the financial funds from brother Jim. Since it's night already, we had to wait until the next day so the fee increased for another day.

June 30: Through the eternal grace of God, my wife withdrawn the financial help. Big thanks to brother Jim, as well as to brother Ron and his wife, and all the brethren there Forth Worth, especially to the Elders there for financial help for my hospitalization fees and medicines fees, also to brother Ron Halbrook and all the brethren there for all the fervent prayers. I was finally discharged from the hospital.

July 3: Though we were tight on budget, Aneth, my daughter gave money since it was a her payday so we had a small birthday celebration for my 2 daughters, Chona (my eldest) and Cynthia (my third child), and a simple thanks giving for my hospital dischargement and continuous recovery. I also used this oppurtunity to preach the gospel to the two friend of

Cynthia, Grace and Adonna who also visited and invited for the celebration, but Grace become sympathizers.

July 4: Sunday Service here in Longos, I wanted to go to Jasaan, unfortunately my blood pressure wasn't cooperating so I had to stay at home and brother Lino handle them for a while. July 11: Sunday Service here in Longos. Through the grace of God my body is recovering little by little and I felt like I could go to Jasaan, I checked my blood pressure first and it finally went back to normal so I decided to visit the brethren in Jasaan for Sunday Service there. July 13: Brother Narcing called me and delivered a great news. He said his mother, who's sister of my wife, decided to be baptize! I was really delighted with this news since we, my wife and I been preaching and sharing the wonderful gospel of Christ to her for a long time, she finally decided to be baptized, the same day, they went down here at Longos and she was baptized. We bought all the doctor prescripted medicines and I am still taking my medicines and still recovering, hopefully, through the eternal grace of God, I'll be as strong and healthy as before and I can finally go out on door-to-door preaching again as often as I could. Once again, thank you so much my dear brother for all the fervent prayers and all the financial help you all gave. I was really blessed to have you as my brother in Christ.

May God continuously bless your kind and beautiful soul, your loved ones and all the brethren there. You are all kept in our prayers, for healthy mind and strong body and to be always safe from any illnesses, especially from covid-19.

In Christ, Efren