



Interconnections

Ministry Update from Rene and Lani Quimbo serving in the Philippines with PMI

Dear faithful friends and prayer partners,

It was around 11 pm on November 7 when we arrived at our house from our long trip from Seattle. The following day at around 10 am, we went to visit Eugene at his house. It was a time of sharing, encouragement, laughter and tears. The following night, we invited the family of a coworker (assigned at the **House of Hope Ministry Center**) to dinner. We enjoyed our time together as we recounted the Lord’s faithfulness during our U.S. trip and how His unfailing providence was a source of strength for our coworker. The prayer meeting scheduled at the **Portal Christian Fellowship** the week of our arrival was very well attended as they all wanted to hear of how the Lord has answered our prayers. *With one voice we lifted God in our midst for all the wonderful things He has done.*

That weekend, we went up to the mountain ministry center. What a joyful fellowship we had with our coworkers and with the congregation at **Lacolac Christian Fellowship!** Then we travelled to Zamboanga City early in the week to visit Iking and Roxan, and the congregation at **Mampang Christian Fellowship.** Right after the Sunday worship service, we prepared to leave for Cagayan de Oro City. We are grateful to God for sustaining



Rory with Iryn during the Christmas party for kids in the outreach ministry.

us with His strength and for His abiding presence with all our coworkers in the different ministry centers. The Lord indeed “saw to it” that despite very challenging circumstances, “all is well” in the different ministries.

Kids reciting their memory verses during the Christmas party for school children attending our lunch break Bible study throughout the year.



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Iking leading the Saturday youth fellowship at Mampang Christian Fellowship

In the month of December, a Thursday night Bible study was added to our weekly Bible studies at the **Portal Study Center**. The Christmas party for the children in our outreach ministry was held on December 16. It was raining everyday that week, even during the early hours in the morning on that day, but the rain stopped during the duration of the activity to our relief. Though only half of the children was allowed by the parents to participate due to the distance of the venue from their homes, the children who came had so much fun and were very happy that they came. The following day, December 17, we held the worship service and the Christmas party for the House of Hope Christian Fellowship congregation at the new **House of Hope Ministry Center** building in Opol. Though the building was not yet finished at that time, our current meeting place for worship was too small for the said activities.

The strong tropical typhoon Vinta that hit most provinces in Mindanao during the Christmas week brought flooding in these provinces and caused landslides along the road to **Hillside Learning Center** that forced us to postpone the children's Christmas party and the Christmas get-together for the **Lacolac Christian Fellowship** congregation. It took at least a week

to clear the roads. Our fishpond in Lanao de Norte was submerged in water causing the prawns to swim away into the surrounding river. We were so sad for this disaster, however, this seemed little compared to what many people lost in the storm---houses, vehicles, other properties, and some families lost more than one family member. While we were at the fishpond area to salvage whatever we could (December 28-30), flood victims were still found floating on the surrounding river, including dead animals.

Despite these unexpected sad turn of events during this supposedly joyous time of the year, people remained determined and hopeful as they look forward to the New Year.



The new House of Hope Ministry Center in Opol; though many things remain to be done, this building can be used for Sunday worship services and other meetings for the Bajaus.

The prayer walk for the month of December brought us to 88 households in Lacolac. Two families have started to worship with us. One more family opened their home for Bible study. We are ever grateful to God for every opportunity He has opened for His word to provide much needed nourishment for the people He is calling to Himself.

Please pray with us as we endeavor to start discipleship meetings in the different ministry centers, preparation of VBS materials, and assist several Bajau families build their dwellings in Opol close to the ministry center.

In closing, we look to all of you with joy and gratitude for your work of faith and labor of love expressed through your generous prayer and financial partnership throughout the year. We remain enthusiastic and expectant of great things that the good Lord will reveal to us and will do in our midst this coming year, mindful of His promise that His grace is always sufficient for us (2 Corinthians 12:9). Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all of us!



The sanctuary on the second floor of the new House of Hope Ministry Center

*Yours in Christ,
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Jornel, our new coworker, giving a sermon at Lacolac Christian Fellowship.



Roxan, our new coworker, leading the Mampang Christian Fellowship congregation in prayer



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