



Interconnections

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for walking alongside us through all the years in ministry. Surely, your **faithful partnership** has emboldened us to give our all in whatever our hands find to do.

As you already know, Lani had surgery during the first week of July. Although she feels lingering pain around the area where the surgery was done, she is able to go about her work with no issues.

We celebrated on July 27 the **25th anniversary of the Portal Christian Church** in El Salvador City. It was a day of great rejoicing, acknowledging God's goodness and faithfulness --- for certainly we fall unless God upholds us.

Also, during the first week of August an elder at the Portal Christian Church who was wrongfully charged with dealing illegal drugs and imprisoned for 5 years

was released with a clean record. *This is an answer to our long-time prayers.* Soon after his release, he was hospitalized for heart problems and might undergo heart bypass surgery depending on his 2-D echo results. **Please pray for his healing.** His mother died while he was incarcerated and he was not allowed to attend her funeral. He went through a lot in prison, although it became an opportunity for him to start a Bible study with other inmates.



Rene preaching during the 25th church anniversary of the Portal Christian Church



Welcoming Blu (in blue shirt) back to church after 5 years of wrongful imprisonment.

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With your help, we were able to minister to **the family of the late Abdulhan in Zamboanga City** first week of August. The loved ones he left behind were very much comforted as they felt the love from the brethren poured out upon them in various ways.

Public schools started classes last week of July. One of our church members in **Lacolac** was asked by the school principal to **teach Bible study during lunch break. About 40 students from primary to high school attend regularly.**

Another door of opportunity that God has opened for us to reach out to these students is our involvement as a *religious sector representative to the community development council* chaired by the elected community chairman. A local government organized school assembly was scheduled to address school bullying and violence, and **we were invited to speak and to schedule counseling** not only for students but for parents as well.



Elay speaking to around 200 high school students about Christian perspective on protecting children from school violence

The local government in El Salvador City recently resumed the *Moral Values Recovery Program* classes. **Iking and Rory teach Bible study at the City Social Welfare Development Office Friday afternoon, twice a month.** We acknowledge God's grace in providing these blessings to us.



Iking teaching Bible study at the City Social Welfare and Development Office

Our deacons have started taking turns teaching Sunday School at the **Lacolac Christian Church**. We are grateful to God for growing them in knowledge and boldness so they can praise His name through the sharing of His word.



Brendo, a deacon at the Lacolac Christian Church, teaching Sunday School

Nine worshippers at the Zamboanga City Christian Church who completed church membership class



We thank God for the nine worshippers at the **Zamboanga City Christian Church** who successfully completed the church membership class. May they grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and may the Lord continue to strengthen them.

Our church sanctuary in **Lacolac** is in need of *immediate repairs* (the walls and ceiling made of marine plywood are peeling off and have holes in them, and the jalousie window frames need to be replaced). **We have locally raised \$1,600. However, this may not be enough to cover the cost of the entire project.** We plan to start repairing the walls and to proceed to

the other repair needs as funds will allow. May God be gracious and merciful to us.

Dear friends, **we are truly grateful for your willingness to partner with us** in the many challenging work God has called us to do. We rejoice in the Lord for what He enabled us to accomplish so far with your help.

In Him,

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