



Interconnections

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

Dear Friends,

As you already know from our Christmas newsletter, we held the *first worship service* at the new church building in **Zamboanga City** on December 22, 2024. **God didn't only build a place where we can gather together, but He also built up the congregation that worships in this place.**

For the 17 church members who professed their faith publicly (14 of them asked to be baptized) to stand on their Christian faith against the wishes of their Muslim family and clan, is a victory made possible *only because God draws the elect unto Himself*. Several worshippers (about 10 of them), with many tears expressed regret that although they wanted to be baptized and join the public profession of faith ceremony, they could not overcome opposition from their Muslim family and face the consequences for doing so.

We will be spending more time in Zamboanga City this year to be able to walk alongside the new church members in their journey of faith and to continue to offer support and encouragement to those who struggle in living their faith within their current family situation.



The new church building in Zamboanga City: the first door (right) leads to the sanctuary, while the second door (left) leads to the parsonage.



The area can accommodate 160 worshippers, and we are now able to hold one Sunday worship service instead of two.

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With much rejoicing, we moved to the new parsonage. Our son, Iking, exclaimed, “This is a 5-star accommodation!” --- comparing to the old parsonage where sleeping is a challenge with sounds of rats running around up in the ceiling, within double walls with holes and rats chasing each other on the floor.

The Christmas thanksgiving services both in Lacolac, Bukidnon and in El Salvador City at the Lacolac Christian Church and at The Portal Christian Church, respectively, were occasions of great fellowship. *They testified to the steadfast love of God for His people.*

Brothers and sisters, in truth, we are overwhelmed with gratitude to all of you for your dedication and commitment in the ministries that God has given



Lacolac Christian Church congregation

activity center for children where we can hold Sunday school classes and other activities from the materials we have recovered from the old church building and a playground for them as well. At the Lacolac Ministry Center, we hope to cement the walls starting from the sanctuary area. The ceiling and walls have started to sag with the plywood layers starting to peel off at random depths. We hope to hold a youth camp next year to be participated in by the youth in our 3 churches. May our church youth program this year, including good Bible teaching, prepare them well for this very much anticipated event.

Thank you, dear friends, for helping supply our needs and for making these ministries possible. We are grateful to God for you for sharing with us what you have and for the many good things you blessed us with (Hebrews 13:16).

In Him,

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Zamboanga City Christian Church Congregation

us. Your willingness to labor with us in prayer and practical help brought so much needed encouragement for us to press on.

Please pray with us, and please consider to be part of our ministry goals for the coming year. In Zamboanga City, we plan to construct a small

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