



# Interconnections

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

Dear Friends,

It was a fellowship to remember for the several youths at the **Zamboanga City Christian Church** who were invited to join in an overnight gathering at the church. It was not only to encourage these young people to deepen their faith through a growing understanding of who God is, but also to create a sense of belonging and connection among them, and to inspire them to participate in service activities within the church.



*Youth overnight fellowship at the Zamboanga City Christian Church*

It is with deep sorrow to share with you that one of the most active worshippers in the congregation has fallen away from the faith. She was the first one to commit to be baptized and to publicly profess her faith in Christ. She was also the first one who boldly declared to her Muslim clan that she will no longer get involved in their clan's religious activities and that she will begin to fully commit to live for Christ alone. However, a few days before the scheduled baptism and public profession of faith, she came to the church to inform us that her mother was admitted

at the hospital's ICU and she could not defy her mother's wishes for her not to go through with her commitment. Not long after this, she suddenly fell ill in the middle of the night and had to be rushed to the hospital where she was diagnosed with ulcer. And while in great pain, she was convinced by her mother to return to the Muslim faith. She has a big family and extended family as well who were worshipping with us. They all stopped coming to church. Somehow, we didn't get surprised by this. When she allowed her mother's sickness to deter her from her commitment, it revealed her doubt and lack of faith in Christ. Still, what happened was very painful to us, we mourned her lack of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. *Please remember to pray for her and her family that God may grant them understanding to discern the truth.*

God opened an opportunity for our church in El Salvador City to teach a Sunday afternoon bible study in **Luyong Bonbon**, a barangay (district) in the municipality of Opol. It is held at the barangay zone 4 center hall. *Please pray with us that God's word will nurture the faith of those who already believed, and may it open the door of faith to those who do not.*



*Iking teaching Sunday afternoon Bible Study at the Zone 4 center hall, Luyong Bonbon, Opol*

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The government has resumed its Moral Values Recovery Program in its offices in various local government units. We continue to teach ***Friday afternoon bible study at the Social Welfare and Development Office*** at El Salvador City Hall. *Please pray with us that God enlightens the bible study participants, that according to the working of His mighty power, He opens the heart and minds and reveals Himself to them.*



*Elay teaching Friday afternoon Bible study at El Salvador City Hall Social Welfare Dev't Office*

We are always grateful to God for the opportunity to intercede for specific people and places as we prayer walk around the community in Lacolac. For those who opened their homes for a short bible study and prayer, it made this ministry more effective and impactful. *Please pray with us that God will give us insight into what other people's needs might be as we learn to see them with God's eyes and heart.*



*Saturday afternoon prayer meeting at Lacolac Christian Church*

Our weekly prayer meeting at the **Lacolac Christian Church** is indeed fostering a sense of belongingness as people come together to share their joys and struggles. Life has been particularly

difficult for some people in our church --- health issues of the elderly due to lack of medical help and young families striving to make both ends meet. It is not uncommon to see people (both men and women) in tears as they share their prayer requests. It has become a venue where people find mutual support and encouragement, creating a sense of connection and being cared for. We try our best to be an answer to each other's prayer requests, reminding each other that *we must trust and hope in God's word and His promises more than our own circumstances.*

Dear friends, we covet your prayers for the following:

1. The coming months of April and May will find us involved in Vacation Bible School in our three churches --- Zamboanga City Christian Church (3<sup>rd</sup> week of April), Lacolac Christian Church (1<sup>st</sup> week of May), and El Salvador City Christian Church (2<sup>nd</sup> week of May).
2. Please pray with us for a peaceful and orderly national election this May 12, 2025. Elections in our country are always beset with violence and fraud.
3. Please pray with us for God's provisions for ministry needs, particularly:
  - a) Repair of vehicles (Clutch and tire replacement)
  - b) Musical instruments (Amplifier, keyboard, and drums)
  - c) Appliances in Zamboanga City Church (Currently, our refrigerator is no longer working)

Thank you, dear friends for your partnership in the ministry. We are grateful for your help in accomplishing our ministry goals, truly making a real difference in the lives of the people God called us to serve. *We pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well (3 John 1:2).*

In Him,

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