

# DE TORRES NEWSLETTER

*"... they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42*



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### Family Update



As we write you this letter, Pam and I are in the States. We arrived last April 11 as Maron and Nathan has to stay in the Philippines because of their school and assist in the ministries while we are here.

We thank the Lord that in the almost 3 months we are here we have been able to visit and

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### CHBC Mezzanine Expansion

The construction for an additional mezzanine on our church auditorium has started. The I-beams has already been installed at the right side as we wait for the others for the left-side. This will give more seats in front for visitors as well as provide a place for all our orchestra and their instruments as well. We are praying that the Lord will continue to provide the funds for the construction materials and that it will be completely finished before our Gospel Expansion Conference and 19th Church Anniversary on December 4-8, 2024. Please also pray that the Lord will provide for us a baby grand piano as the final instrument for the church auditorium.



### OUR TIME Youth Conference

Last June 17-20, 2024, we praise the Lord for our 3rd annual youth conference we call OUR TIME Youth Conference. Even though we are in deputation, our preacher who leads our youth ministry held the 4 days and nights event in our church facility with over 400 young people in attendance coming also from other fellowshiping churches.



We are happy to see our own young people become a blessing to others as they equip other youth ministries by teaching choir members and educating the media ministers represented during the workshops. We thank the Lord for 12 preachings from our good local pastor friends. We praise the Lord for the preachings that helped our young people to surrender and serve the Lord. We look forward to a bigger OUR TIME Conference in 2025. Check: <https://www.facebook.com/chbcofficialph>



### CHBC Singapore Church Plant

Last May, 2024, one our preachers who grew with us and his wife who I married last December, 2023, surrendered their lives to go and reach Singapore. We praise the Lord for Ronnel and Eca who after our church family camp came to me and thank me for the message I preached "Come Down From Your Sycamore" that God used for them to finally surrender to the Lord. I remember that in the early years of our ministry, that the Lord laid a burden in my heart when we visited Singapore in 2009. We started a Bible study with several Filipino but it never continued because we went back to the Philippines after a short mission survey and experiencing also the cost of living there is twice more than in the Philippines. We prayed that the Lord will bring someone there to stay. It was a joy that the Lord answered after many years. The Lord has prepared Ronnel and Eca not only to start a church but also were provided work so that they can also be sustained. It is a joy to know that there are already 7 souls that got saved and are being disciplined by them and when we go there on November they are ready to be baptized. Please include them in your prayers as we also seek the Lord's direction for a place they can rent as a church-house.



reconnect with friends and churches that have known and supported us since we have started.

It is such a blessing that our plane tickets have been graciously paid for by one of our supporting friends as well as the vehicle we now use to go around to report, reconnect and raise needed support that we lost after Covid as the ministries that God has given to us continuously expands.

As we are blessed to sing and preach in churches and see our friends again, we are equally encouraged by their prayers, warm welcome and accommodations for us.

We are humbled to be used by the Lord to be an encouragement in the churches we go to and challenge them to have a renewed and refreshed vision and burden for souls not just in their cities but in other countries as well.

Please do pray for us for the remaining 10 weeks of our deputation before we go back on October 5 in our mission field. Our prayer is that God would lead us to churches and ministries that would have the same vision, burden and passion that God has put in our hearts and lives to accomplish His work in the Philippines and beyond.

It has been 8 years since we have been back in the States. We are sad not to be able to be with some of the churches we know but thankful to be able to meet new friends and ministry partners.

Lord willing, we would be more than happy to have you come and visit us in the Philippines for your mission trip. It would be an encouragement to us and I know it will be a blessing to you as well to see and be able to minister to our own people.

Please do continue to pray for traveling mercies for us and for the remaining weeks we are on deputation. We miss our sons, our people and ministries. We thank you for always upholding us in your prayers and thoughts.

Until our next update.

God Bless You!

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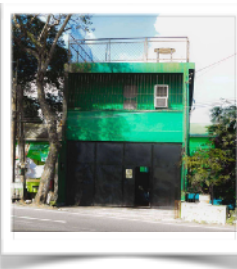
### 381 VBS Street Kids

Last Sunday we have brought to church 381 street kids after 4 days of feeding and teaching them in 18 areas around our city. We praise the Lord for all our 32 volunteers that reached and loved these children.



### BAPTIST HOME

Junard and Nove, both from our Baptist home that got married and still living and serving in this ministry, had a baby just last night. Junard supervises this ministry while Nove cooks for all of them each day. We thank the Lord for the safe delivery of this baby boy and for another added joy to the Baptist home.



### NEW RENTAL Outreach Place

This week, we praise the Lord for a 180 sq. meter rental 3-storey facility in Tagaytay City that we can use as a church in that place and a home for our preacher in that CHBC outreach. We pray that the Lord will provide for the renovations and repainting of the facility so that we can prepare it and use it when we get back in October. Please pray for the \$200 monthly rental as we have made the one month deposit and one month advance for it.

### PWD Ministry / TASK FORCE TAGALIGTAS

The ministry to the law enforcement and persons-with-disability continuous to reach and help many police officers and communities in our region. The Lord is using this for us to present the gospel to them in many ways. It is a joy to partner with our good friend Agent Bill Graham who leads the Signal 63 Program for partnering with us in giving bullet-resistant vests, tactical tactical trainings and gears to the law-enforcement in the Philippines.



### BIBLE PRINTING Ministry

Another answered prayers for us while on deputation is to be able to have as good friends Bro. Stephen Barr and his family along with the Make A Way Ministry for the finalization of the Bible-printing ministry in the Philippines that will be set up initially in our church compound. It will be a greatly supply Bibles for our annual National Bible Month each January and that the cost of printing will be much lower and will do away with the challenges of customs and bringing it to other Southeast Asian countries. Pray for this ministry as we start this November.



### CHILDREN'S FACILITY

We are praying for a great need to construct a facility for our children's ministry to use every Sunday and at the same time will be used by our Christian school on weekdays and a place for local pastors to stay during our annual Pastor's Conferences. I thank the Lord for the plans and the permits already paid and secured. We are trusting the Lord that the \$60,000 cost including the furnishings and air-conditioning will be able to be answered and that it can be finished on August, 2025 for our biggest Gospel Expansion Conference so far.

