



THE BLUSTS

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Dear Pastor and Brethren,

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Greetings! We declare "particularly what things God had wrought" among Filipinos by our ministry (Acts 21:19).

THRONE'S FACTUAL MANUAL: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). All members use the King James Bible for faith and practice.

TIME AND FOCUS ON THE MASTER: "...to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul" (Deuteronomy 10:12). "We will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever" (Micah 4:5). "...sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word" (Luke 10:39). "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10). "...and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (1 John 1:3).

TEMPERANCE (GODLY) FOLLOWERS MEEKNESS AND MERCY: "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering" (Colossians 3:12).

TESTIMONY OF FIDELITY AND MATURITY: "...shewing all good fidelity..." (Titus 2:10). "I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one" (1 John 2:14). Members fidelity (faithfulness) to God's Word, God's house, God's man is resulting in maturity (spiritual growth).

TEARFUL FULFILLED MEMORIES: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalms 126:5-6). "And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire..." (Jude 22-23). "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:" (2 Timothy 4:7).

TEAM FISHING MENTORING AND MISSIONS: "And he saith unto them, Follow me (mentoring), and I will make you fishers of men (missions)" (Matthew 4:19). We are always investing in educational and evangelistic ministries: mentoring (members, students and pastors in training) and missions (evangelism and church planting).

TRAINING FAITHFUL MEN: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). Our men are teaching others.

TEACHING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF MINISTRY: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:18). "...ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4). "...ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). "...ministry of the saints" (1 Corinthians 16:15). "...ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18). And "Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed:" (2 Corinthians 6:3).

TOUGH (GOD) FEARING MINISTERS (PREACHING GOD'S WORD): "But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses" (2 Corinthians 6:4).

TEST OF FAITH IN TIMES OF MIRACLES (BLESSINGS) AND MISFORTUNES (CALAMITIES): "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts" (Malachi 3:10-11). "Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?" (Matthew 6:25-26). Members overcoming many "Test of Faith."

THANKFULNESS TO THE LORD'S LOCAL NEW TESTAMENT BAPTIST FLOCK MEMBERSHIPS: "...we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord..." (2 Thessalonians 2:13). Much appreciation for all your passionate powerful prudent prayers and your sacrificial significant solid support! May God's blessings be upon every one of you and your ministries. Our prayer requests are listed on the backside.

1. Pray for the Philippines, as a country.
2. Pray for our new president Ferdinand "Bong Bong" Marcos Jr.
3. Pray for righteousness and justice to prevail in all levels of governance.
4. Pray for spiritual openness and a real hunger for the Truth.
5. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance, good health, protection and safety.
6. Pray for God's love to be manifested in all we do in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. Pray for God's love to be manifested for people who have been demoralized, discouraged and disillusioned by religion and spiritually bankrupt churches that have unsaved narcissist, passive, reserved, soft and weak leadership.
8. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to lead our pastors in training to dearly and deeply love their own congregation, and whose preaching passion causes their ministries to grow because of their desire to affect others with the Truth.
9. Pray for our evangelistic ministries reach out to unbelievers and for the Spirit of the Lord to bring about the salvation of lost souls, so that they may come to know the Lord and see Christ in all of His Glory.
10. Pray for the Biblical and spiritual development, strength, and growth of our members (including pastors in training) in their walk with Christ for His Glory. Clarity and boldness of speech as they share the gospel of Christ.
11. Pray for good relationships in our mission works to be one in spirit and one in mind (1 Corinthians 1:10; Philippians 2:2-5); that our members will remember to edify one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11).
12. Pray for children and youth to stand strong in their faith, that they would grow both in stature and understanding of the Lord, fully surrendered to Him.
13. Pray for livelihood projects to open for members to earn income (many lost jobs due to government restrictions).
14. Pray for public transportation to remain accessible and affordable so that people can attend our church meetings.
15. Pray for our Higaonon Tagaloanon tribal ministries in Malaybalay City as well as the Impasugong mountains.
16. Pray for our three Talaandig, Tigwahanon and Umayamon tribal ministries in the San Fernando mountains. As well as our ministry in barangay Magkalungay (five families) and other ministries in the San Fernando mountains.
17. Pray for our farmers. Unusual weather patterns last year, then typhoon last December, then intense rains from January to April has caused severe losses to farmers crops/vegetable farms. They are suffering additional losses due to inflation such as gasoline, fertilizers costs, and government depressed costing in selling agricultural goods.
18. Pray for people who are affected by extreme poverty day by day. Homeless people living and sleeping on sidewalks or the sides of the road. Hungry children, aged women, crippled people, in the streets begging for food. It really does deeply sadden you when you see that this is a reality! Their tears of hopelessness and desperation. We made connection with some to share Jesus. Oh, that they would repent of their sin and respond to the Gospel of Christ!

Dearly beloved brethren and faithful prayer warriors, much gratitude for your time spent with the Lord in prayer. Our ministry is dependent upon God's wisdom and guidance and your "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" (Ephesians 6:18). "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

Because Of His Faithfulness And Abundant Mercies ----- Let Us Pray, Go Forth And Sow The Seed!

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"People that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many" (Dan.11:32-33)

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