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The Kettering Church of Christ Dayton, Ohio

Dear Brother Rich, Brother George and the rest of the brethren:

A brotherly greeting again from the Philippines. I pray that this report finds you well again.

I'm sorry again for this delayed follow-up. This is due to a needed preparation and 2 consecutive trips to Manila recently. My wife, Beth, has undergone another surgery last February 10 @ UDMC Manila. This is her 3rd for the period of 8 months. Thank God, the last myoma is completely removed this time. We are hopeful for a complete recovery soon with her renewed reproductive organs. We will have a follow-up check-up any day this month, Lord willing. Beth was diagnosed with this illness in 2006 and undergone a continuous treatment and medication ever since.

I continue to exert evangelistic effort every available time with your support and with the open doors the Lord provides. I have taught a series of in-depth lessons on "God's Mercifulness" and "God's Amazing Grace" in the pulpit lately. These lessons are centered in clarifying the wrong notion and abuse of many with these 2 traits of God. Many think that God is merciful and gracious enough that He does not require our obedience to His commandments and cannot even punish a single person.

Another member of the Taligan church passed away last February 27. She was the first convert and is the oldest member @ age 90. She is the 6th member who died during the short existence of this congregation. We are burying more to the grave than to the water of baptism in this village. However, we are slowly getting the interest of the younger people which include their children and grandchildren. We have conducted a nightly preaching in the wake before those visitors, relatives and friends. It is always a timely opportunity to teach a lesson about "Man and His Destiny". We conducted her funeral service last Saturday morning, March 6. After we laid the corpse to her grave, I studied personally with an elder of the Pentecostal group in that village, where some have also randomly listened. We have covered basic truths on salvation, the church and worship with my machine-gun type of explaining that lasted for 3 hours. This man is our number one critic in that village and I literally grab that chance to explain our views when that opportunity arose. His criticisms are just based on hearsay of others. It was an energetic discussion, but, peaceful spirit prevailed. We parted ways shaking hands and tapping each others' back with my belief that I have laid up a foundation in his heart for proper and further personal study. A follow-up invitation was extended, but, there was no response.

We have 2 restorations @ Sta. Teresa church last Sunday. Both are men who were unfaithful because they could not find a sound church to worship with in the place where they previously moved to work.

Our country is currently experiencing another kind of calamity which is an opposite of what we had experienced the last quarter of last year. It is a drought - plants, crops, farm animals and fresh water fishes are dying. It leads to further crisis especially if this will be prolonged to

another month or two. May God help us.

I have received the money grams sent in the months of January and February, respectively. I will be claiming the money for March when I have the time. Thank you again, brother and sister. How I wish I get a chance to meet and thank you personally.

Let's continue to serve the Living God as long as we can.

Yours in Christ,

*Larry*

Philippines