



Dear Pastor, Church Family, & Friends

June - August 2021

From Oswald Chambers devotional booklet, "My utmost for His highest" - The secret of the Missionary is... I am His, and He is carrying out His enterprises through me, This reminds me of 1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. I'm so glad we belong to him, and he called us to carry out this great work of church planting missions.

Family News - With many restrictions still in place our boys will continue their schooling from home. There will be a slight difference in the procedure compared to last years module/paces. Much of the work will be done by the parents, as it will be our responsibility to download, print, observe & assist until such time for grading. Tim is entering the 7th grade so a few of his subjects, especially math will be a challenge. Matt is starting the 3rd. grade so I have a better chance of helping (LOL) Both of our Boys are growing in the Lord and reading their Bibles more often without being reminded. Please pray for them mentally and emotionally as well. Most of their time is in the home or at the Mission Work which is good but they have no other liberty to travel or go into any public places like the mall or eating places. Many of the recreational places are closed as well. Divine still needs our prayers concerning her thyroid. It has progressed slightly and so we are seeking and praying for a better treatment. The heat is a big factor and with the high humidity and dew points her energy level is zapped.

Travel News - We are asking prayer for three areas of travel. First is our family vacation. It's been two and a half years since we were able to get away as a family. We're hoping by December to get away somewhere else on the Island for at least one week. Of course that all depends on the government and what seems like endless lockdowns. The second trip would be our Mission Survey for a new church plant. This would be in another Province and on another Island. The last area of travel would be our Family Furlough. God has shut the door for this year and so we are praying for the Fall of 2022.

Church Mission News - We continue to stay focused with the work at hand. Just recently we Baptized eight young people. They are eager to learn and grow, and no doubt will soon be serving in the church. Our area in the Philippines is still under General Community Quarantine, which simply means limited gatherings at Church. Not sure what limited means but we have never stopped anyone from coming. In fact we are now holding our monthly Cottage Prayer Meetings again. Last month we had twenty plus in attendance. We use these meetings for an opportunity to reach the neighbors of our members who are hosting the prayer time.

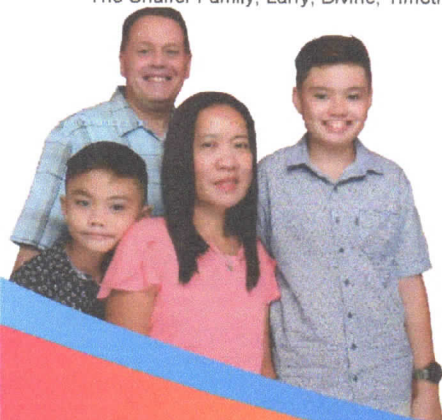
Discipleship continues to be a great push. I recently purchased some Booklets in Tagalog for each of our members. Lessons so far have included Fruit Bearing, and Stewardship. We are using these in our Wednesday night Bible Study and in our Sunday School Program. My Deacon Brothers continue to be a big help in teaching and occasionally preaching. Particularly Bro. Art Gabo who continues to show his desire to be a Pastor. This really blesses my heart and I'm working with him closely and observing God's will. Others are growing as well and they continue to step up and serve in different ways.

With more growth in attendance our building is becoming to small, (Good problem to have, right?) Our Church Choir barely fits up front and weekly we are dodging or tripping over sound equipment or musical instruments. Our solution at this point is to knock out the north Wall and extend out another two meters. We are also in need of some fence replacement. The west side fence is currently propped up after three years of extreme weather and simple construction. We are praying to replace it with concrete block, chain link, and barbed wire. Both projects are estimated at seventy-five thousand pesos or around \$1,500.00.. If you're able to help additionally please designate it for TFBC Expansion & Improvements.

In Closing - Please pray for me as I take on the leadership of the Choir for a few weeks. My wife will be taking a short but much needed break. She has done a wonderful job for more than two years. I will be teaching some Scripture Songs with Guitar accompaniment. A great way to minister with song and hide God's Word in our hearts. Lastly please be in prayer for our first ever Family Church Camp scheduled for November. The members have been contributing and are excited to attend!

Thank you for faithfully supporting us these many years,

The Shaffer Family, Larry, Divine, Timothy, Matthew



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