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Here's what has happened in the last month!

Greetings to Our Beloved Supporters!

As the year draws to a close, we are filled with immense gratitude for all that God has done in and through our church this December. Your unwavering support has been a cornerstone of our ministry, and we rejoice in sharing the fruits of your faithfulness with you.

In this newsletter you can expect:

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A Month of Celebration and Service

This December marked the celebration of our **38th Church Anniversary** on December 29 at Graceland, the lot that God graciously provided. We rejoice in the success of this milestone event, which was made possible by your prayers and support.



December 12: Bayanihan Spirit in Action

Earlier in the month, we came together for a bayanihan to complete the right slab for our anniversary venue. This collective effort was a testament to the unity and dedication of our church family.



Clean-Up Week

The week before the anniversary was dedicated to preparing the venue. Members came together for a clean-up week, ensuring that everything was ready for the big day.

Continuing Our Mission

Despite the busyness of preparations, we remained committed to our regular ministries. Weekly Good News Classes, Soul Winning, and Bible Studies continued, and we seized these opportunities to invite many people to the anniversary.



Rejoicing in New Life

This month, we also celebrated the baptism of three new believers. It is always a joy to witness lives transformed by the power of the Gospel.

38th Church Anniversary Highlights

On the night before the anniversary, as I was looking at the chairs that were set, I prayed to God, trusting Him that He would bring people to this place for His glory and for the mission and vision to bring people to God.

In the morning of our anniversary, the weather was a bit cloudy, and there were showers. Thankfully, it did not rain heavily. However, we were worried that the visitors might not come due to the weather. But God surprised us, and we were overwhelmed by His provision.

Our morning service aimed for an attendance of 1,000, but God amazed us with **1,500 attendees!** During the morning service, I preached on the topic "Why People Need the Lord Jesus Christ."

Gospel reached

- **Good News Class**

Dec 1-7: 1,236 kids

Dec 8-14: 1,024 kids

Dec 15-21: 1,070 kids

Dec 22 - Jan 4: 148 kids

- **Soul winning**

Dec 1-7: 68 souls

Dec 8-14: 86 souls

Dec 15-21: 53 souls

Dec 22 - Jan 4: 121 souls

- **Regular Bible Studies**

Dec 1-7: 137 souls

Dec 8-14: 134 souls

Dec 15-21: 101 souls

Dec 22 - Jan 4: 37 souls





We had to rent additional chairs, the children sat on the floor and the church members just stand because there are no chairs available. Despite limited resources, we prepared food and gifts for the visitors. Church members gladly sacrificed their share of food, rejoicing in the opportunity to serve the many guests God brought. We also provided transportation for the visitors, renting jeepneys and tricycles to ensure everyone could join the celebration.

We are also thankful for our choir members and instrumentalist who spent a lot of time practicing songs about salvation for our anniversary. Many visitors shared that they were deeply touched by the music.







The afternoon was equally blessed as we welcomed many pastors, preachers, their wives, and church members who came to celebrate with us. In addition to the food and gifts prepared for them, choirs from other churches sang praises to the Lord, adding to the joyful atmosphere.

At the night of our church anniversary, when the visitors from other churches were about to leave, the rain poured, and the soil of Graceland became muddy. Their vehicles had a hard time moving, so the men joined together to give them a push. It was a fun time being in the rain and helping each other. One of the pastors commented that this anniversary was truly unforgettable.

The Cost of Sacrifice

The anniversary expenses totaled over 282,000 pesos, a significant amount. Yet, through the sacrificial giving of our members, my family, and your support, we witnessed the miraculous provision of God. The success of this event is a testimony of His faithfulness and your partnership in this ministry.



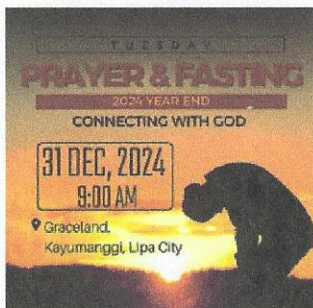
Watch the Highlights

We are delighted to share the links to our video documentary of the anniversary:

38th Church Anniversary Thanksgiving Sunday - Dec. 29, 2024 - SDE

38th Church Anniversary Morning Evangelism - Dec. 29, 2024 - HIGHLIGHTS

We hope these videos bring you closer to the joy and blessings of this special event.



December 31: A Day of Prayer and Fasting

On the last day of the year, December 31, we spent the entire day in prayer and fasting at Graceland. Together with church members, pastors, and their members from other churches, we devoted this time to seek God's guidance and thank Him for His faithfulness throughout the year. It was a powerful and unifying experience as we closed the year in worship and surrender to the Lord.

As we reflect on this month, we are overwhelmed by God's goodness and your steadfast support. Your generosity allows us to continue reaching out, sharing the Gospel, and making disciples. We pray that God blesses you abundantly as you have blessed us.

With hearts full of gratitude and joy, we look forward to what God has in store for the coming year. Thank you for being a vital part of His work in our church.

To God Be the Glory!

In His Service,

Brother Rusty Ocampo
