

GONZALES FAMILY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2008

Introduction

“Changed Life”

God really know how to cheer His children especially when we are down and distracted. Below is a touching testimony from a Principal that has changed life:

“For the last 60 years I had been devout Catholic, attending church activities, religiously novenas almost all saints, attending processions, etc. This gives me a feeling of fulfillment as well as become more faithful to Catholic belief and practices especially when petitions and prayers were granted.

In 2001 I was assigned as Principal at Villegas Vocational High School in Velasquez Tondo, Manila. I met Pastor Joe and sister Beth at the time they were introducing the project SIKATT to the school. SIKATT is to give support to poor students in Tondo financially, educationally and spiritually. I saw in them their intense desire to help especially the less fortunate students. They visited the school regularly, following-up the performance of students as well as giving them encouragement to improve their plight.

Their assistance was also extended to teachers through lectures and workshops to make them realize their importance as teachers. They meet the teachers during faculty meeting and brought resource persons who untiringly lectured on values and characteristics of a teacher. While, they doing this, I was deeply touch by their faith as true Christians and followers of Christ. The friendship that developed between us gave me an idea on how to live the life of Jesus. The use of bible in our daily conversation with the Lord awaken my desire to accept Christ as the only Saviour of my Soul.

Though I have a different faith and belief, Pastor Joe never suggested nor advised me to transfer to their religions, but instead they included me in their prayers and activities of their projects. Unknowingly, I became more interested to read the bible and be aware of my actions and deeds that would violate the word of God. At present, I am already attending bible study and joining Sunday church service at the Good News Baptist Church at Sto. Nino Meycauyan, Bulacan.

A good friend had been very insistent for me to attend regularly for my spiritual growth. By February, I plan to be baptized to be a full pledge follower of Jesus Christ. I am considering myself to be a new born again Christian and remain till I finally meet my Creator.” – Rosalinda Nepomuceno

Praise item

Thank you God for...

- God's provision for our family
- A visit in Malaysi a and Singapore with my daughters
- Provision for my medicines
- Teachers' training is on-going for all Public School Teachers at Tondo Area.
- Ms. Rosalinda Nepomuceno's (Principal of Lakandula High School) public declaration of being Jesus' follower through the water baptism
- Pastor Hector Badong's testimony and desire to be part of SIKATT
- SIKATT 2008 planning

- The expansion of the SIKATT ministry
- Favour we have in the eyes of the School Officials
- Additional ministry opportunities especially to the teachers
- The partnership with Campus Crusade and World Teach International for the teachers' training.
- My family's support for the ministry
- God's continuous guidance to my children with their career
- The continuous fund raising drive for the SIKATT Student Center; like soap-making, sell items and other stuff
- Continuing partnership with different churches and schools
- His good, perfect and pleasing will for our family
- Protection for Grace in Malaysia
- You!!! The people behind the AMEN ministry

Family News



God gave another opportunity for me and my three daughters to go to Malaysia and Singapore. We went first to visit Grace my eldest daughter in Malaysia and then travelled to Singapore to visit our friend. Together we had a great bonding time. We celebrated my youngest daughter Gloria's birthday at Singapore. That's a break for us and we had some fun; we also had an opportunity to visit the International Baptist Church at Singapore and join them in their worship service. I did not imagine that I will go to other countries but God made a way and open the door.

On the other hand, my two sons Galileo and Gilbert struggle at work.

May God continually use our family mightily for His glory!!!

Campus Ministry

Lakandula High School

Since Ms. Nepomuceno has become the principal of Lakandula High School we have developed a wonderful new project ...

Adopt-A School

A. General Information

Implementing Organization: Sibikong Kabtaang Taga-Tundo (SIKATT)

Project Beneficiaries: 5,000 Students; 150 Teachers; 50 Faculty members

Total Project Cost: a. Project Cost

Duration of the Project: The project starts on June 2008- April of 2009

Project Status: This is a new project in partnership with Sibikong Kabataang Taga-Tundo(SIKATT) and Gospel Church of Manila (GCM)

B. Project Proposal

1. Background of the Project

For ten (10) years of campus ministry, SIKATT had seen the need to open campus ministry to other areas of Tondo not only to District 1. Many teachers and even their principals had recognized the need of implementing SIKATT's programs for students and teachers. This all started to one (1) high school which is to Tondo High School then later extend its programs to four other high schools of District 1. Since then, God has challenged SIKATT to expand and another opportunity was opened this is at Lakandula High School District 2 of Tondo.

2. Specific need to be met:

We are aware that many Tondo young people are rebellious and stubborn; it is only through Jesus Christ we can see transformation. Only through Him there will be true change, the start of a campus ministry can be an instrument for them so that they will have alternative activities. We have alternative wholesome activities instead of them joining fraternities and are delinquents.

3. Project Objectives

To bring these students and teachers of Lakandula High School to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ by (1) providing alternative wholesome activities to the students; (2) giving seminars for students and teachers; and (3) teaching livelihood seminars for parents. After a year of operation, we expect to have 500 believers and or 50 committed Christians.

4. Project Beneficiaries

This project will benefit approximately five thousand (5,000) students, one hundred fifty (150) teachers and fifty (50) faculty members. As the previous campus ministry, this does not focus on the people inside the school but also an open door for the families of the students and teachers.

5. Implementation Plan and Timetable

The design program for a year includes Math, Science and English tutorial for 1st year students; Career Guidance seminar for 3rd year students; Youth camp for two hundred students; Teachers' camp for one hundred teachers; 7 Laws of Effective Teachers for one hundred fifty (150) teachers; Livelihood program for parents of 2nd year students. With this, every activity will be an opportunity for evangelism and a start of bible study to students and teachers. Values and spiritual inputs are incorporated in all activities. This project/ministry, budget and program will last for one year. It is expected to expose the 5,000 students, 150 teachers and 50 faculty members to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Also to have 500 believers and 50 committed Christians.

6. Project Implementers

The project will require several people to handle key positions. They are as follows:

Project Coordinator: Pastor Joe Gonzales

Program Coordinator: Ms. Rosalinda Nepomuceno

Activities Coordinator: Roy Villareal

7. Plan for Sustainability

It is our prayer that within a year time this campus ministry will become one of the major ministries of the church in reaching out students and teachers.

8. Evaluation Plans

The SIKATT and GCM board will receive a quarterly progress report from the project implementers. A yearly summary report will be provided in connection to the program goals, status and direction.

C Budgetary Requirement for one year

Math Science and English Tutorial for 1 st year going 2 nd year high school (100 students)	Php 10,500.00
Seven Laws of Effective Teachers (150 Lakandula Teachers)	Php 98,000.00
Livelihood Program (50 parents)	Php 6,500.00
TOTAL	Php 115,000.00 Approximately £1400 or \$2800

Please include this project to your prayers.

Prayer Item:

Please pray for...

- SIKATT Youth Center
- Provision for the Teachers' Seminar.
- Follow-up and Bible study with the local (barangay) officials
- Gabriel my new grandson will come to know Jesus in early age.
- More volunteer worker for SIKATT ministry
- Fruitful ministry partnership with churches and schools
- Support for SIKATT ministry expenses
- Fund raising project for student center
- SIKATT re-organization, reports and forming new policy
- Classroom for every school for Bible Study
- Math, Science and English tutorial program for the Out of School Youth
- Continuous partnership for the 5 high school principals, 12 elementary principals and churches
- Congressman Asilo's continuous support for the ministry
- Conceptualizing the program for the teachers
- Financial support, availability and openness of teachers in the Teacher's Training.

- Creating team for training module for the teachers' training
- Coordinating the coming missionary from global challenge
- Plan to have parents and teachers conference
- Plan to form SIKATT junior board for the future
- My health condition, the medicine would take positive effect to my body
- God`s healing to my skin allergy
- Total healing of my kidneys
- I was thinking to finish my bachelor degree and to be ordained as pastor
- Grace's health and protection at Malaysia
- Gloria's desire to pursue higher education.
- Regular employment for my children especially Gilbert
- God's provision for our expenses

Prayerful,

Joe & Beth