

GONZALES FAMILY NEWSLETTER – January 2010



Introduction

“Thanksgiving Day”

Last Jan. 2, 2010 SIKATT ministry had its yearly “Thanksgiving Day” and we had wonderful fellowship with one another. We heard testimonies from a parent, student and principal. I’m touched on how God used the small ministry entrusted to us for more than ten years. Many parents were blessed with the word of God shared by Eliz Lim one of the SIKATT Director with the topic about “Loving the Word of God” based on Prov. 3:5-6.

We recognized that God is at work in and through us. Praise be always to God!



Praise items:

Thank you God for...

- God’s provision for our family
- Provision for my medicines
- Meaningful “SIKATT Thanksgiving Day”
- Started home Bible Study with the parents of SIKATT scholars
- Galileo’s family safe travel to UK
- Youth worship service in Calderon High School
- SIKATT scholars continuously attending the church
- Opportunities to other schools for ministry
- My family’s support for the ministry
- Our family’s planning for 2010
- Continues partnership with different churches and schools
- His good, perfect and pleasing will for our family
- You!!! The people behind the AMEN ministry

Family:

After the pressure with our previous land owner about our house, we thank God because we have found a new place to live. It is smaller than before with only two bedrooms, but it has bigger ventilation and a garage.

My children are prayerful that it will be our second to the last transfer because they want to purchase a small place even just for me and Beth. I know in God's perfect time He will grant my children's desire to have our own place to live so that we will have no pressure of high monthly rental fees. They are starting to save some money for this since we have a one year contract here in our new place.



We are thankful because God had given Galileo's family an opportunity to experience life in UK. It is our prayer that the Lord will allow my son Gali will find a new job in UK and that their son Gabriel will be able to adjust to the weather.

May God be glorified with our family!

Community Ministry:

Election Day is soon to come and politicians are very busy campaigning for themselves because of power and popularity. It is my prayer that God will enlighten the mind of the Filipinos to choose a leader that will stand for righteousness.

I hold on to God's word from Exodus 18: 19-21 that as we stand before God for the people meaning as we prayed for them, teach them the statutes and law and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. Then I verse 21, we can select able men, fear God, men of truth and hate covetousness. This is the in of leader that the country needs.

Campus Ministry

We have already started the home bible study in the respective houses of the families of the SIKATT scholars. Praise God for the receptive parents and children. It is my desire that they will continually acknowledge God in their lives and would start a life worth living with our Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone is excited with our bible study and it is our prayer that the seed that was planned in their hearts will grow and blossom that it may bear much fruit.

Church Ministry - Saving Faith Baptist Church

One of the fruit of our ministry that was channeled to Saving Faith Baptist Church got married and invited me to be one of her Sponsor. Since it's been a long time that I haven't visited the church it's a privilege for me to be part of the wedding of the one who previously a student and is now a wife. The couple is happy and I know that God has a wonderful plan for them.

Church Ministry - Gospel Church of Manila - Matarik, District 1 & 2



It is always my joy to share God's word with the congregation and how it spoke to me as I live the crucial days of my life. I got an opportunity to share God's word in Gospel Church of Manila- Matarik, District 1 & 2. In Matarik I took the message from John 5:7-20 and gave emphasis on Relationship, Truth and Work. On the other hand, in District 1 I was given a topic "Errand Boy for Christ" from Col. 1:24-2:5 and had 3 W's which are

- 1.) Word of God;
- 2.) Work of doing God's will;
- 3.) Wish of prayer to them

Also, I had the chance to preached in District 2 about "Accepting your Assignment" based on Ephesians 2:10 where I got the 3 C's that are Created, Called, and Commanded to Serve God all the time. I'm joyful to hear feedback that everyone enjoyed hearing and studying God's word.

Church Ministry - Light of Men

To start the year right with Light of Men Church, I shared the passage from Exodus 4:1-17 with the topic "Making Decisions." This is when God called Moses to lead the Israelites and that he started to decide through the following;

- 1.) He must Believe in God;
- 2.) He must hold on to the TRUTH and
- 3.) He must not look on his own Capacity.

I challenged them to make decisions like Moses.

GLORY TO GOD!!!

Prayer Request:

Please pray for...

- SIKATT Youth Center and mobile library (bus)
- Outreaches in Bataan & Samar
- Buy boat for Samar Church Congregation
- To continue the teachers seminar in all district 1 public schools
- That God will demonstrate His power in Tondo.
- More young people will commit their life for Christ
- God will change Tondo.
- More volunteer worker for SIKATT ministry
- Fruitful ministry partnership with churches and schools
- Support for SIKATT ministry expenses
- Classroom for every school for Bible Study

- Continuous partnership for the 5 high school principals, 12 elementary principals and churches. Also include high school and elementary campus in Tondo District II.
- Planning with SIKATT team
- Plan to have parents and teachers conference
- SIKATT camp on April 2010
- Plan to form SIKATT junior board for the future
- Galileo, Gilbert and Gloria's new job
- My health condition, the medicine would take positive effect to my body
- Total healing of my kidneys
- God will continually use me for the preparation of His second coming
- God will answer my desire to visit UK
- Sabbatical leave to pursue education in the seminary
- God's provision for us to buy a house for the family
- Gloria's desire to put up a preschool

His Servants,
JOE & BETH