

# GONZALES FAMILY NEWSLETTER – September 2011



## Introduction

### “Typhoon Pedring”

Philippines experienced two typhoons in a week and it destroyed many infrastructures. It also affected 2.4 million people, many are still in the evacuation centres while others opted to stay in their homes even it is still flooded. Based on the news, around 52 people died and many are still missing.

Normally, the Philippines endures an average of about 20 typhoons of the year, some of them causing widespread destruction and deaths. These two typhoons brought damaged to properties especially in Luzon including Manila where storm surges broke through the sea wall last week.

Sadly, we have known that many people from Baseco, Tondo and a High School principal residing in Malabon who attends our Bible Study in the Center was affected by the typhoons; our brethren and my wife’s relatives both from Bulacan also experienced great flood that destroyed properties.

Please pray on how we can be able to minister to them and that God will spare Philippines from another calamity.

## Praise items:

Thank you God for...

- God’s continuous provision and protection for our family
- Twenty (20) students attending the Learning Enhancement Program and College Preparatory Program
- Character Building Classes in the center for Elementary and High School students
- Gilbert continuously attending the Bible Training Course for Pastors (BTCP)
- Gilbert shared God’s word during Sunday service in a church in Tondo
- Provision for the air condition in the center
- Open door for ministry in Laurel High School with around 5,000 students
- Open door for ministry in Moses Salvador Elementary School with around 2,000 students
- Exposing thirty (30) Elementary teachers to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ
- Newly promoted principal of an Elementary School is a product of SIKATT
- Protection for the family during the typhoon “Pedring”
- More teachers and principals getting interested to be part of our programs
- Provision for the center’s expenses
- Slow deterioration of my kidneys
- Provision for my medicines
- His good, perfect and pleasing will for our family
- You!!! Our ministry partners

## Family:

Gilbert had the boldness to share God's message to a congregation in a church in Tondo. Praise be to God for allowing him to be a blessing to them.

Experiencing typhoons is normal in the Philippines and we are used to it but the recent typhoon "Pedring" is another story for our family. We are renting an old apartment and after the said typhoon we found out that there are cracks in the walls in the kitchen, in the rooms and a brick wall located in the garage suddenly fell. Thank God no one was injured and the car is not there during the time it falls. We already informed the owner but it seems she doesn't have any plans of rebuilding it. Please pray God's provision and wisdom on where we should transfer.

## Ministry:

### CENTER

There are twenty (20) high school students who are continuously attending the Learning Enhancement and College Preparatory Programs. There are also Character Building Classes that are conducted in the center for the students and parents for them to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

John Carlo Alavazo a 4<sup>th</sup> year High School student who attends the College Preparatory Program posted to SIKATT page on a social networking site this:

*"HOW DOES SiKATT's PROGRAM HELP US TEENAGERS? a lot for example: sometimes there are things that we YOUTH really don't understand like the bible verses, WE JUST MEMORIZED IT BUT WE DON'T KNOW THE REAL MEANING OF IT. It's not just a verse but SiKATT WILL give us a deeper understanding of it."*

Praise God for the provision for the air condition. We got second hand air condition and the other one was donated by our family friend.

### **Please pray with us for the Center's needs:**

Books (references and story books)  
Additional High School & College Books  
Additional Lighting  
Desk Top Computers  
Laptop Computers  
Laminating Machine  
Xerox Machine  
Ring Binding Machine  
Water Dispenser  
Musical Instruments  
Panaflex/Lighted Signage  
Multi-cab/ service vehicle for the students  
2nd floor construction  
More volunteers

## CAMPUS

“Brother Joe, can you conduct a Bible study for the teachers here in our school?” said by Susan Baldemor principal of Moses Salvador Elementary School.

God open doors for two (2) new ministry in the campus of Moses Salvador Public Elementary School with around 2,000 students and Laurel High School with around 3,000 students. I was able share the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ to thirty (30) teachers of Moses Salvador Public Elementary School during their faculty meeting. Please pray for wisdom as we set schedule for the Bible Studies in the schools.

### Prayer Request:

Please pray for...

#### *Specific Prayer Requests*

- Enrollees for the learning center
- Provision for the SIKATT Center's operational expenses
- Support for SIKATT ministry expenses
- Gloria's support raising as part of SIKATT ministry manpower
- Provision for Gilbert's education as he pursues the Bible Training Course for Pastors
- More volunteer workers for SIKATT ministry
- LEP, CoPP and TuP1 Programs of SIKATT
- Plan to have parents and teachers conference
- To continue the teachers seminar in all district 1 public schools
- Classroom for every school for Bible Study
- Continuous partnership for the 12 high schools and 25 elementary schools from Tondo District 1 and 2.
- SIKATT MoBasa (mobile library) Project
- SIKATT PedAral (pedicab) literacy Project (reading & writing campaign)
- SIKATT S.A.I.L. (Inter-Island evangelistic campaign)
- God's provision for us to buy a house for the family
- My health condition, the medicine would take positive effect on my body
- Total healing of my kidneys

#### *General Prayer Requests*

- That God will demonstrate His power in Tondo.
- More young people will commit their life to Christ
- Fruitful ministry partnership with churches and schools
- God will continually pour out HIS mercy to all Filipino people.
- God will change Tondo as the starting example of being a true Christian
- God will continually use us in the Philippines to become TRUE Christians in Far East.
- God will move to expand our territory.
- God will encourage us to continually serve Him in spite of much opposition.
- God will continually use me for the preparation of His second coming

His Servants,

*Joe and Beth*