



A. PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

1. Praise the Lord for the additional 100 water filters that were donated by AMEN. Fifty of which went to MMP and the other 50 went to Pastor Joe Gonzales. More people, especially the poor, have guaranteed safe drinking water. Goodbye e-coli and diarrhea!
2. Praise the Lord for a very generous donor who financed the building of five pontoon houses in Arinai. These small houses have the ability to float when the water rises. The feeding program that is ongoing in this place has caught the attention of the Muslim community; they are very appreciative that their children are being fed five times a week. They knew that the feeding program is being done by Christians and not by the government. An excellent testimony for the love of our Lord Jesus for them. Their only request is not to be fed food with pork in it—something that our team has done.
3. Praise the Lord for the Silent Prayer Retreat held last November 5-7 in Tagaytay City. I led 63 people in this retreat. Everyone was thankful to God for having a fresh encounter with Him and for having rested in His grace. Thirty guests from a Christian Rehabilitation Center who are recovering drug addicts expressed their desire to attend the next retreat and also have their spouses attend it.
4. Praise the Lord for our church partners—five of them—who faithfully labor with us in the work of the Lord among the poor.
5. Thank God for a generous donor who gave substantial financial support for medical needs and livelihood projects at Pinalagad, Malinta.
6. Many thanks for your continued love, prayer and financial support. You're the ones who keep us afloat for the Lord.

B. MINISTRY WITH CHRIST OUR LIFE FELLOWSHIP

1. I have finally relinquished my preaching and Bible study ministries with COLF—finally heeding the advise of three important people. I have symptoms of stress that cannot be simply ignored anymore.
2. I am still called the Senior Minister but the Board of Elders has agreed to limit my responsibilities to officiating the Holy Communion, Water Baptism, pastoral prayer, counseling and giving church announcements on Sundays. Our Saturday church prayer meeting is held in different homes around the community and held once a month in our house. Our young professionals and university students initiated and volunteered to conduct review classes for high school students preparing for college entrance exams. Every Sunday afternoon, they meet at our house with these aspiring students from our church and the community. We hope and pray this will be an opportunity to reach more high school students. At present, 10 students attend.

C. MINISTRY WITH MMP

1. In October, I was designated to be the Officer-in-charge (OIC) of MMP by the Board of Trustees until January 30, 2010. It's been a challenging position. I get to meet with the four department heads and team leaders every two weeks. I see to it that goals are accomplished, prayer life of the community is done, promote stronger accountability procedures, reply to communications locally and internationally, and practically run the organization.
2. Praise the Lord for the six MIT's (missionary-in-training). I facilitate training and meet with these people every Friday and Saturday morning.
3. I am still in charge of the Spiritual Formation department of MMP. As much as I wanted to be at Pinalagad, Malinta to do area ministry, I could not simply do it anymore on a regular basis with my present responsibilities. With the death of Pastor Lando recently, I have designated Flor Encomio, with the concurrence of the Execom, to be the team leader at Pinalagad.

D. PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for wisdom and understanding as I lead MMP.
2. Pray for holiness and purity at MMP.
3. Pray for Flor Encomio as she leads the team at Pinalagad. Pray for healing for Pastor Jun Del Mundo, our team leader at Baybay Sapa. He has been down with flu for one week now.
4. Pray for good health.
5. You must have heard of the massacre in Maguindanao, Mindanao where 57 innocent, civilian people died. Such carnage! Such evil! Such monstrosity! Pray for justice. Pray that God will bring swift judgment to those who brutally killed them.

E. FAMILY MATTERS

1. Jannette and I are happy with our children. Asher is now enrolled at Centro Escolar University. He has settled himself comfortably and is doing well in his studies. He has made friends already. He continues to help with our church music.
2. Ariel Lev continues to shine. She got first place in Extemporaneous speech contest, and first place in debate. She trained her class for a choric reading competition and they placed 3rd. She also represented her school in a Metro Manila-wide essay writing contest. Her English teacher told her that she will be the next Editor-In-Chief of their school paper. She regularly attends a Bible study group with the Navigators.
3. Anya Dara too is doing well. She enjoys school activities as well. She has been a favorite singer and been invited thrice already to sing the national anthem in school programs. Invitations keep coming. She also placed 2nd in declamation and story-telling contests. However, Math continues to be their most challenging subject.

Thank you so much to everyone associated with AMEN for your ongoing support and encouragement in our ministry.

Winston and Jannette