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Dear Friends in Christ,

We praise God for another year of His faithfulness now gone by and for a new year in which to serve Him! May He help us to stay faithful to the tasks of reaching out to the lost, discipling the believers, and above all else staying close to Him in our daily walk.

Family News by Rachel

We want to thank each one of you for praying for our family. We see the Lord's working in our ministry as well as personally in answer to prayers. Our children are back in PCC for the spring semester. How quickly time goes by- our **Elisabeth** will be **graduating** this coming May! She also got **engaged** last month. She and her fiance, Stephen Watkins, are setting a date for their wedding towards the latter part of this year! WOW!!! Phil and I are suddenly feeling old! We thank the Lord though for giving a fine young man to marry our daughter.

The Lord **called my Dad home** with Him last January 1. Thank you for those who prayed for his health, he did not suffer too much at all. The Lord was so gracious to allow me to get a flight at such short notice even with all the "impossibilities" at the airline office. I was able to attend the funeral service. Truly, God is good to His children. O, how true and precious are His words and promises! Nahum 1:7

Ministry Updates

We want to thank each of you who helped with the '**Vitamin Project**' for our Bible club kids. We were able to purchase 200 bottles of a children's multi-vitamin from LifeSource Nutrition and have distributed most of them.



The kids were very excited and the parents were very grateful for the help to their children.

Praise the Lord for **5 converts** who were recently **baptized** and for the obvious change in their lives. One example is the lady pictured above on the right. She and

her husband were both baptized. Her husband is in the military and so she stays alone most of the time. She recently asked if she could start her own Bible club for her neighboring children and so she now teaches more than 20 kids each Saturday the stories of God's Word.

By God's grace we will be sending out 2 of our staff this year to start a **mission work** in the mountains nearby. This will be a big step of faith in their lives as they go to a different culture and language group. Our continued prayer is that the Lord of the harvest will continue to call and send out laborers from our church into His harvest.

Three young ladies who were saved and discipled through our ministry will be **graduating** from Bible college this March. A special thanks to all of you who gave to help sponsor them over the past 4 years.

Opportunities to Help

1. **Staff Housing** - Still in need of a ceiling and tile flooring which costs about **\$800** with labor. Would you please consider helping with this need?
2. **Tracts** - We would like to purchase 10,000 more '**This was Your Life**' tracts at a cost of **\$750**. Our church family is actively involved in passing these out regularly. Although, the only perfect tracts are the ones you write yourself, I appreciate this one because it is eye-catching, affordable, in Tagalog, and it confronts a person with **sin**, **righteousness**, **judgment**, and the command to **repent** and **believe** in Christ alone!
3. **Church Property** - A 14,000 sq. ft. lot in town is for sale at the price of **\$102,000**. The location is good and this is one of the only larger sized lots still available in our town area. Please consider helping us establish a permanent presence in the town of Manaoag.

Prayer Requests

1. **Salvation** of the following men (husbands of ladies in our congregation) - Mr. Villahermosa, Mr. Decierto, Mr. Maduro, Mr. Soriano.
2. Continued **spiritual growth** of our church family.
3. **Boldness** to witness for Christ.

Once again we want to express our **gratitude** for your **prayers** and financial **support** which allow us the privilege to minister here. May the Lord continue to bless your **faithfulness** to Him.

Serving in His Fields,
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