

Greetings to you brethren. I am thankful that we are all alive today. There might be a lot of health issues in the brethren across the globe but we are grateful that the heavenly God is our Father. He knows everything we lack and everything we need. How are you and your families both the biological and the spiritual families? It is my hope that you are doing well. In Zimbabwe we are doing well. The brethren I work with are in good health.

I would like to present the following report of the work the Lord permitted me to do in the month of February. For three weeks beginning on 2 to 23 February, I was in the Philippines. The visit was a huge encouragement both to me and the brethren out there. As you are aware, I visited this country in 2023 and I visited congregations in one of the rural provinces of that country called Occidental Mindoro. I then visited the urban provinces of La Union, Pangashinan and Cavite. In total I visited thirteen congregations and taught different lessons.

My visit last year raised a lot of curiosity around the country simply because they did not expect Zimbabwe a country in Africa to have sound preachers. Until then, Zimbabwe was not known at all. They were accustomed to receiving American preachers. So it was a case of “can anything good come out Zimbabwe“. I was there for two weeks. When I left Rodelio Baagin a man who had invited me had several inquiries. When I went back this time again, the enthusiasm was high and this made the visit long because I visited new congregations in two

different provinces of Oriental Mindoro and Tarlac over and above the usual provinces of Occidental Mindoro, La Union, Pangashinan and Cavite. I visited nine new congregations. It was a busy schedule. I am glad to announce that judging by the brethren's feedback and more new future invitations from different provinces, the visit was a huge success. I was accompanied on this trip by two men from Bulawayo namely Mgcini Nyembezi and Comfort Moyo. The two are from Queenspark and Entumbane churches of Christ. They each got some few opportunities to also teach. I was glad to go with them because we shared the costs equally. That allowed my funds to suffice. The following is the breakdown of what actually transpired.

We arrived in Manila on Saturday 3 February after 6pm. Junie Samontina a preacher in Carmona town picked us up to the hotel he had booked for us. All three of us shared one big room at this hotel. The following Sunday 4, we worshipped with Terraverde Church of Christ which meets in Junie's home. I taught from PowerPoint. The lesson was taken from Jesus' statement "Remember Lot's wife" recorded in Luke 17:32.





The following day Monday 5, Rodel Baagin who is my point man in the Philippines drove 250 kilometres from La Union with his wife and his son to pick us up to Mindoro. His vehicle was not big enough to carry all of us with our luggage so Junie also accompanied us with his small vehicle. To go to Mindoro there is a three hour journey in a ferry ship from Batangas port to Abra De Ilog port.



The first port of call was at Matabang Church of Christ in the morning and Almeda church of Christ in the afternoon. My lesson at Matabang was on Spiritual growth and it was divided into two sessions. In the afternoon we visited Almeda and my lesson was from Luke 4:1-13 focusing on Jesus' statement "it is written ". The following are the pictures taken from the two congregations.





On Wednesday 7 February there was a gospel meeting at Bagong silang Church of Christ. Brethren from three congregations namely Bagong silang, Alag and Sablayan were present. Sadly, the previous night a brother from Alag Pedro Sario had died. When I was there in 2023 he was very sick with a disease that doctors failed to give a proper diagnosis to. He was just losing weight and producing phlegm continuously. When I saw him then in March 2023 he couldn't walk but somehow his condition continued deteriorating for almost a full year until his passing on. Some brethren from Alag where he was a member failed to come to the gospel meeting due to the death. I taught two lessons one about Forgiveness in the morning and another about Marriage in the afternoon. I used brother Allen's banner on this lesson. After the classes I had a good time interacting with the young people.





After the classes we left. We drove from the province of Occidental Mindoro to the province of Oriental Mindoro. We lodged in the evening in a town called San Jose. The next morning on Thursday 8 February, we continued our journey to the town of Victoria. We had a stop at Victoria church of Christ in the afternoon and I taught from Genesis 3. The lesson was titled “what caused Eve to sin”. This lesson became an instant hit even to my travelling companions. Rodel asked me to repeat it at two more places including at San Luis where he is a member.





After the lesson we left to the next town called Naujan. There was a day long gospel meeting organised by Aurora church of Christ the following day on Friday 9 February. This congregation advertised the meeting by printing a banner which was hanged by the gate to the building. It was very smart.



I taught two lessons in the morning and in the afternoon. The first was from PowerPoint titled "The church in the mind of God". The second was from Daniel 6.



After the classes at 4pm, we left to Calapan town where there is a sea port. We got into a ferry ship headed to Batangas. We then drove from Batangas to La Union and we arrived the following morning around 4am of Saturday 10 February. We were dropped in the town of Rosario at a hotel which became our home for ten days. We would go out to teach and come back to sleep. Rodel's home is a few kilometres from the hotel. The whole Saturday became our rest day.

The following Sunday 11 February we worshipped with San Luis in the morning and Pinmilapil in the afternoon. Rodel asked me



to preach the lesson about Eve sinning at San Luis and marriage at Pinmilapil. Eve lesson was uploaded on YouTube.





The following day Monday 12 February, we were at InMalog in the morning and at Labayug in the afternoon. At InMalog I preached on “faith without works which is dead” and at Labayug my lesson was from John 15, “I am the true Vine”.



Tuesday 13 February we went to Barrior Alac church of Christ in the town of San Quintin. My lesson was from Acts 8 about the Christians who were persecuted in Jerusalem and scattered abroad yet they went on preaching.



Wednesday 14 February we visited Vilasis Church of Christ in the town of Rosalles. I taught from 1 Peter 5 about the Devil who is like a roaring lion. Five people repented.







Later that Wednesday evening I taught at San Luis evening study from PowerPoint harmonising Leviticus 16 and Hebrews 9. It was recorded and uploaded on YouTube.



Thursday 15 February we were on the road from the province of La Union to the province of Cavite which is just outside metro Manila the capital. We drove for nearly 250 kilometres. I had two days to teach men. It was just an introduction to the 17 periods of the Bible. I taught on the 16th from 8am to 5pm and on the 17<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 3pm with an hour lunch break on each day. The presentations were on PowerPoint. In attendance were 25 men from different provinces. Some had travelled for more than 12 hours from Bicol. We gathered at

Cabuco Trece Maires building. The information shared over that short time provoked these men. At the end of the programme, all men present asked me to do this programme in different provinces of the country to benefit more men who should share the information with congregants where they preach. My answer to them was that I would be very grateful if I am able to fulfil their request but everything depends on finances. I would be very happy to only travel to this country and concentrate on the 17 periods programme even without visiting individual congregations. Reaching out to men who are already preaching will equip them to go and then share with fellow congregants. They have more time with them than I do. Going forward we will see what God wants us to do.





Saturday 17 February after 3pm we drove back to La Union. The following Sunday 18 February we worshipped with Santiago Sur church of Christ in the town of Caba in the morning. I preached from PowerPoint the lesson titled “The authority of God”



In the afternoon Mgcini and Comfort went to another congregation and I was taken to Bagbag Bauang church of Christ. I preached on God's victory through Gideon in the book of Judges 7.



Monday 18 February we were at San Vicente church of Christ in a town called Alcala. My lesson was from Genesis titled "Effects of Lot's choice". These brethren had also advertised their meeting on Facebook and some people from the denominations attended. At the end there were questions about the so called "pre millennialists" as related to Revelation 20. I gave the answers I believe to be what the book of



Revelation teaches. Two ladies then repented. We did not wait to witness their baptism. The second picture shows the ladies confessing.

**Brethren and Friends!**  
**We would like to invite you**  
**all!**  
**at**  
**San Vicente**  
**Church of Christ**  
**Gospel Meeting**  
**07:30 AM/ February 19,2024**  
**Speakers - Brethren from Zimbabwe**





Tuesday 19 February was the last day to visit congregations. We visited Lawak-Langka church of Christ. I taught from PowerPoint. The preacher from this congregation had asked me to have a lesson on “the significance of the Church”. I had no direct answer to this topic except to teach the lesson “The church in the mind of God”. At the end of the presentation, a few questions were asked. One interesting question was “what happens to someone baptised in a denomination when he repents to church of Christ. Should he be baptised again?”.



Wednesday February 20 I taught my last lesson on this trip at San Luis evening study from Luke 10:38-42, the story of Jesus' visit to Martha and Mary. This lesson was recorded and I have since uploaded on YouTube.





Thursday 22 February in the morning, Rodel and his wife drove us to Manila airport as we were travelling that night back home. We arrived home safely on Friday 23 February at 2pm.

On Sunday 25 February, I was at Hillside after being away for three Sundays. I resumed my overview of the Bible which I am doing in the morning study. I started the book of 1 Samuel. Later, I preached from 1 Peter 5. This sermon will be uploaded on YouTube soon titled "The Devil is a roaring lion".

### **Funding for the trip**

I received,

**\$1750** from Hot Springs Church of Christ, America

**\$1500** from Mount Zion Church of Christ America

**\$250** from Phoenix Church of Christ in South Africa.

This gave the grand total of **\$3500** which I used to purchase the return air ticket, (transportation, food, accommodation and contingencies) throughout the twenty days in the foreign land. The funds were enough largely because I had the two men that travelled with me and we shared the costs equally. I express my sincere gratitude to the brethren for funding this trip. Lord willing, I would not hesitate to go again to the Philippines and continue what I have already started.

I sincerely appreciate the support KSR elders have been extending to me for the work here. It is our prayer that you and all the brethren in America remain blessed with good health, spiritual well being and financial ability. America has caused the gospel to be propagated everywhere around the globe. Even in the Philippines, all the preachers are getting support from America.

I am back home to focus on the local work. There is plenty to do this year. I will continue giving you the monthly updates.

Your brother

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