

from the PHILIPPINES

*For Souls & His Glory*



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Dear Pastor Bailey and Church,

Again we are way too late in getting you our letter. Was hoping on doing it the end of February just before we returned to the Philippines. Things got rushed with packing and last minute doctor appointments. We arrived back to our place in the Philippines on February 25. Amazingly it was not hot and easy to adjust to the climate. Thank you Lord.

Roxas City was hit by a typhoon this last Christmas Day. This is where we have two of our churches. Damage was not as bad as the terrible last one but lots of repairs needed. Before we returned the people banded together to get funds and helped with the labor to fix much of it. However, when we arrived it was evident that there was still much to do. Since none were able to work at their regular jobs we had a great crew to get much done.

Shortly after we arrived the President of the Philippines declared a lock down for all the Philippines. Everything but essential businesses have been closed. Similar to the US. More recently they issued quarantine for the city proper. At first the check points just wanted to make sure you were a resident of Roxas. Now you need a pass, a mask, your temperature taken and be younger than 60. Businesses that are open and the medical clinics take your temperature with a device before you can enter and spray your hands with alcohol. We are in a good place, rural, with staff and others on our campus that are a great help to us. As of now no one goes out unnecessarily. Our city has only claimed 2 that had the virus. One was shipped to Iloilo and the other died. Of course they have no ability to test or get results right away. Iloilo City is a much bigger city and has had many infected. On March 15 we stopped having services but have our own services with those on the campus and then video it and post on Facebook page *Riverside Baptist Church Roxas City*. We use Messenger and texting to encourage members, but the loads our people need on their phones is hard to find since the 3 providers in the city are not open.

*Psalms 61:1-4 Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. 2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. 3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. 4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.*

There are so many prayers going up for so many at this time, but if you could add the need of our several churches. Also for their members and not only their safety but also they will stay strong and committed to what they have been taught and will be in their bibles and will be growing even stronger during this time. Also pray that the church will meet its needs in the near future, that some of the folks have been saving their tithes to bring with them when they come back. I am sure that is the same problem that churches in the states will experience. But GOD KNOWS ALL ABOUT ALL OF IT.

We did not get to report the stats for 2019 for the two churches we are directly involved with. Riverside Baptist Church: Public Professions 230, Salvations 2377, Baptisms 168, First Baptist Church (just a year since reopened); Public Professions 30, Salvations 260, Baptisms 18.

For the first quarter of 2020: RBC: Public Professions 239, Salvations 1681, Baptisms 59. FBC: Public Professions 50, Salvations 275, Baptisms 6. Please note that FBC in the first quarter has done as much as they did in 2019, Praise the Lord. We thank the Lord for our many dedicated soulwinners and their efforts to serve the Lord..

There are about 20 adults on the campus and the last two weeks we have had a sort of Revival time. Everyday we show a good preaching video. The first week we did Evangelist Goetsch and his 5 sermons on "Self". This last week we showed sermons on Apostasy with Bob Gray II, Justin Cooper, Mike Johnson and Tony Hudson. Lord willing we will keep doing this while we are all confined to our campus. Pray the Lord will cement every decision and they will have a lasting commitment in the things they have learned.

*For His Glory*  
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Thank you for your prayers and support and we are praying for you  
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