

# NEWS from the PHILIPPINES (September 2022)

## Letter from Philip

Dear Friends in Christ

The Lord advised us in John 16.33 '*In the world you will have tribulation (trouble)*'. It would be easy to be selective and only present good news from our Philippines Pastors but they have had their share of troubles since the last newsletter. **Pastor Pat's** wife Jerry took ill with a fever and was quite ill but is now recovering but on medication. Pat depends on Jerry to send emails to me so communication has been stilted and limited to phone texts. **Pastor Ariel** suffered what may have been an email hack so communication was limited for a time until he acquired a new email address. **Sister Nelia** had moved into her mothers home with the orphans which created domestic issues particularly with her siblings so they have had to move out but a solution has now been found. **Pastor Roan's** wife Reah has become ill. And of course all are impacted by the global economic issues that we are facing.

However, the Lord advised more fully in the above scripture '*These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me** you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, **I have overcome** the world*'. The Pastors fully rely on these truths and persevere accordingly so that good news for the kingdom is still coming forth from the Philippines irrespective and as indicated in the following reports. Your kind donations are still achieving much for which many thanks.

In the meantime I would be grateful if you could keep this work and these ministries and issues in your prayers. Details for making donations are shown on the back page.

Your in Christ's service, Philip



*Pastor Romelu of Greater Faith Ministries baptising new believers in Christ (June 2022)*

*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10*

**6:10**

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## Report from Pastor Ariel July & August

Greetings from your brethren here in Mindanao, Philippines. On behalf of my family and the whole congregation here we just want to let you know that we are so thankful for your prayers and Monetary support for our Ministry here.

Our country now has a new set of new Elected officials from President and Vice President down to the local government unit. Even though our Nation experiences change, the work of Ministry for the Lord is still continued and going on until He comes. Prior to the election our Local Church was experiencing some Challenges. But we Praise the Lord that we overcame those challenges.

We are quite busy here in our Ministry. Every Monday I teach in the Bible School here in our place and Bible study to the Police officers and also to the construction workers.



*Ariel conducting a Bible Study for the local Police*

Recently I was encouraged to hear the report of our Pastor Paterno Ruiz and his wife working in our church in Barangay Tuluan. They said that the two persons that we've been Ministered before, a **former NPA Rebel** and a **former Gun for hire** are **now serving**

**the Lord** and **Pastoring** in different Churches in Barangay in Midsalip. To God be the all the glory.

Last week of July the Lord enabled us to have Regional Youth Camp this Year as a host of these events. Six



**16 candidates for Baptism**

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churches under my supervision joined and participated together with their Pastors and Youth Leaders serving as facilitators. Almost Two Hundred Young People join the said Camp. On the last day Sixteen Young People decided to be baptized in water.



Presently we are preparing for the opening of the class for this School Year. 2022-2023. We are starting to buy the School supplies for our Sponsor Children. We are also planning to have Evangelistic Crusades here in our neighboring area and also outside the Province.

Recently we had Missions to help in Two of our Satellite Churches. First is in Barangay Tuluan we saw the development of our Church Building Project in that area. Secondly in Barangay Guinabot, we do the Celebration of Thanksgiving



to our God for His goodness.

We brought them a present such as shoes and some used clothing. Specially the Word of God that we shared for them they are so receptive of the Word.

Thank you very much for all your constant support for our Ministry here as you knew that it's a great help for us to do more for God's glory. We appreciate it much and we never forget to mentioned all of you in our prayers. Maranatha! The Lord Jesus is coming very soon. Yours In Christ Service,

Ariel,Aileen,David Leeniel & the Twins & the whole Fellowship

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## Report from Sister Nelia. June report extracts

This month we already started the Bible School training and we have 34 students from different villages. Please pray for them as most have no bible and we also need some tables for them to write at. The orphan children who live with me also require basic materials for school.

Ministry in the village of Lake Duminagat is growing. Our Pastor Romelu conducted water baptism for 8 candidates who surrendered their life to Jesus (**front page photo**). We continue the feeding programme, discipling the youth and strengthening the leadership and pastors. Thank you for the monthly support. It is a big help to us as we face economy challenges.

## July report extracts

Praise God the Greater Faith Ministries is doing great. I finally got the hardcopy of the Greater Faith Ministries Philippines Inc registration. I thank God for what the Lord has done in the ministry because I saw the improvement spiritually of the believers here in the mountain and other churches that God has entrusted to us.

Despite the success of the ministry I face other challenges because I struggled between some of my brothers who live with me at my Mom's house. They said they lost their privacy because of the people coming in and out of the house. I understand my family because they are not believers. I have shared God's word with them but it is God's work to change them. Also I couldn't spend time with the Lord because of the stressful surroundings. Because of the ministry entrusted to me I need time with Him, listen and ask Him what to do. It is not healthy to stay here any more so I need to find a new place for myself and the orphans.

**(Philip note :** Since this report with the support of the GFM Leadership Board a solution has emerged where a larger church building is now being constructed next to the original church building that GFM constructed last year at Mt Malindang. The original will be converted to a parsonage for Nelia and the orphans to live in).

## August report extracts



*The new church building with the 'parsonage' to be the green building at the far end.*

The renovation to convert the old church to parsonage and build the new one has commenced.

Pray for a roof for the Church so we can transfer soon. I do believe what happens between me and my families in the past are just part of God's plan to strengthen my faith unto the Lord. I am excited of what the Lord has done in the ministry.

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Meanwhile God is moving here in our village because last 2 weeks ago we have a young teen neighbor here who **almost losses his life**. His family go to the witch Doctor and asking help. It's been 3 months they go to that witch doctor but it getting worse. Until we visit them and prayed the patient can't even talk to us because he losses his voice and he just waiting the end of his life. A day after the prayer he felt better but still in pain so I offered the family to bring the sick young men to the hospital and the doctor found out it was a kidney disease. Instead of buying some of our needs in the church renovation for this month from the money you sent Brother Philip, I offered it to help the young man because he needs immediate medication he is also an orphan child. Thank you so much for your help. **God uses us as an instrument to save the life of a young teen from death**. The mom passed away 2 years ago, their dad is in prison and they are 12 siblings. My heart have too much pity for them. I always told them that Jesus loves them very much. One problem of the people here in the village when they got sick they will not go to the hospital because they thought it is curable by the witch doctor which is wrong. The good result of this testimony is that **many of our neighbors have now rejected their wrong beliefs in the witch doctor** and started believing the Lord Jesus Christ. God is so good because the young man is now out of the hospital and we are the one who bought the medicines and other needs of his medication. He is now continue recovering at their house.



*Nelia with children at an outreach in July*



Thank you for your unending support for Greater Faith Ministries. I can't do this without your help. In my vision witch foundation and cult doctrine will be brought down in this area but because of this the devil hate me much and I need God's protection. Your prayer support is highly appreciated as I don't fight this battle by flesh but in the spiritual realm.

Words is not enough to say but from the bottom of my heart that God will open the door of heaven and bless every one of you who continually pray and support us financially.

Yours Truly, Sister Nelia Advento  
Greater Faith Ministries Philippines Inc. Subanen Tribal Mission

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Pastor Pat Philip writes : Pastor Pat's last full report was for May's ministry work. Pat advised early July that wife Jerry was quite ill and had a fever (not understood to be Covid). I have not had a full diagnosis but understand that she is now on medication and making progress.

As Pat depends on Jerry to send his reports and any 'thank you' emails he had to revert to communicating with me by texts for 3 months which is very limiting and expensive for him. I advised Pat that we could live with this for now and to give full attention to his wife in the meantime. He was however able to get some latest ministry photos to me included below.

Pat's latest texts were :

'Continued with the work for God's glory. Attended seminar in another church'

and 'Greetings sir Philip, bro ray, ma'am Ann (that's Agnes!) & sponsors. Always grateful & thankful of your generosity extended to the ministry'.



**Pastor Bob report:**

June/July/August report extracts:

Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. By God's grace we are doing well here in the Philippines and God's kingdom is advancing despite the situations we are in. We have just celebrated our 5th anniversary last week where I pioneered and established a church when my dad (Renato) was alive. Glory to God.

Evangelism in the villages are continuing by God's favour and provision. During our evangelism we found a family living in a risky house in a remote mountain village that is only built by some waste materials that is very dangerous. I attach a photo. They are very poor and the daughter is mentally handicapped. We prayed for God's provision for to help them.



*Photos of the family  
and home Bob refers to.*

(Philip writes : We subsequently forwarded an amount from your donations to assist with a replacement home that Bob's team are now building.



Subsequent report extracts from Bob below)  
30.6.22 We are going today and visit them and bring some provisions. From our church it is a 1 hour walk into the mountains through rough paths and crossing rivers. We have cut some coconut trees to provide timber for the new home. Thank you donors for your compassion love and support for this poor family.



23.8.22 We returned to the poor family that we are helping. Praise God for His goodness and favour. The house is almost finished

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Pastor Roan in Northern Samar. Pastor Roan advised that wife Reah (only 38) has become ill (non Covid) and is in pain. Please pray for them. The Philippines has no NHS equivalent so obtaining treatment is difficult and has to be paid for. Roan has very limited resources but is zealous for the Gospel and the Lord. In the meantime Roan writes:

Do you have known an organization who help like the children to their schooling frm note book, vitamins and other needs? we have known an organization called COMPASSION here in our province and we had 5 churches here that is members and monthly they give vitamins to the children and all needs of the children. we apply but unfortunately they don't accept our church since it's full and as of now they don't accepted anymore.

*We do not have sufficient funds to meet this need but if you are aware of any such Christian organisation that may be able to assist please let me know. Philip.*



Roan, wife Reah & son David



Roan & Reah at Pambujan bible study

## Donations to the Philippines Ministries:

These can be made:

- By cheque to Philip Glenwright, 14 St Georges Avenue, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 9DP
- By Bank transfer, standing order or direct debit into the following Nation-wide account:

Name : Philip Glenwright Sort Code : 07-02-46 A/c No : 44231940

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