May 2021

Dear Partners in the Ministry,

Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We hope and we pray that you are all doing well in the middle of this pandemic.

First of all, we would like to give all the honor and praises to God for His goodness and faithfulness to our lives. It has been tough and very challenging year but the grace of God is sufficient. Every situation is a life lesson experience from the Lord that brings us to our knees in prayer believing and trusting God that whatever happens is part of his greater plan.

With all the things happening around the world and I know you are all aware of. Our goal and our desire to be use by God is still the same, it never changes. In behalf of our family and the ministry of Grace Baptist Church in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, we are so grateful for always mentioning us in your prayers and for continues financial support. As we continue to wait for the opportunity to go back to Cambodia because flights are still not available, we are so thankful for the privileges that we have to serve the Lord here in the Philippines. One of my greatest desires and prayers to God while we are here with our own people is to see fruits in the ministry.

At the beginning of this year 2021, it is my desire to see a new family attending in my father inlaw's church. I started praying to the Lord for one specific family and that is the family of Mr. Rolly, my barber. I invited Mr. Rolly to come to the church and he came. As I continue to establish our friendship, I also invited his family to the church and his good response was the beginning of his family attending the church. Mr. Rolly and his wife have four children and one nephew staying with them. They are now our regular attendees and there is a regular Bible study in



their home every week. Praise the Lord for the answered prayer!

I was invited to preach to a Youth Conference last January and during the invitation, several young people came to dedicate their lives to the Lord and answered the call to preach and to be in the fulltime service.



I know and I believe that God has a purpose in our lives during our stay here in the Philippines; for souls to get saved and to challenge the believers to serve the Lord. I continue to receive invitations to preach to different places and I am thankful for every opportunity to be a blessing and encouragement to many churches here in the Philippines and to share what the Lord is doing in the

ministry in Cambodia.





Through the help and giving of our friends, we were able to purchase 300 Bibles to help and provide to three different churches especially to the new converts. We would like to continue this ministry providing Bibles while we are here. If you want to help, we can purchase the Bibles here for \$10 each. Just please let us know if how many Bibles you want us to purchase. I know several churches who are still in need of Bibles. It will be a great blessing for their people if we



hat we are doing here in the Philippines to Cambodia, is the same what we are lost at any cost. We are working full



will allow God to use us.









while we cannot travel back doing in Cambodia. Reaching the time in the church of my father inlaw, taking advantage of this window while we are with the people that we don't usually see often. Just six weeks ago, together with the young people men of the church. We worked hard to fix the fence of the church, plastered and painted the wall.







is one room that needs to be fix. Plastering, painting, putting tiles, installing window and door are needed for this room. Right now, the room is use for storage while men are sleeping on the floor of the church. But once this room is fix, the men can sleep in this room.

Update in Cambodia: Phnom Penh just had a 14 days hard lockdown because of the high numbers of covid cases. Even after the hard lockdown, there are place in the capital city that are still in red zone, just like the place of our resident pastor. They cannot go out to travel from one place to another. We literally send foods for them for their daily needs. Public gatherings are still not allowed but our church continue to do the house to

house worship every Sunday and church family prayer time every evening. We continue to encourage our church family to remain faithful to the Lord even in these very difficult days and I am thankful and so encourage the way they response to the situation. Please understand that the restriction might be different from your place to our place but please, continue to remember us in your prayers.







Update from our family: Gabriel just turned one year old last April 11th but his regular doctor's appointment and medication for his asthma continues. We are praying that he will overcome this asthma. Rachel and Rafael are doing well. Praising God for the good health. I got sick while working at the church but thank God, I recovered from that sickness.







We have a situation here right now where my brother in-law was tested positive for Covid-19. He was sick for several days before we rushed him at the hospital to find out why he was not improving. At noon of May 12th when I convinced him to go to the doctor. His family and my family stayed in the same house together with my in-laws and five young men from the church that we adopted every time we are in the Philippines. We are all sixteen people staying in the same house. You might ask, how that is possible? Well, that's how it works here in the Philippines. After knowing the condition of my brother in-law, automatically, we are all Patient Under Monitoring (PUM). A health officer came to our house May 17th to conduct a swab test to all the people in the house including Rafael and Gabriel and the two young daughters of my brother in-law. The result of swab test will be out on Friday so please, pray for us.

Since we found out the condition of my brother in-law, we just stay at home. Different people from the church bringing the things we need because we cannot go out without knowing the result of our swab test. I will send another email after knowing the result of our swab test.

The case of my brother in-law is severe. We ask you to pray for him, his name is Paul John. He is the only brother of my wife and also a Preacher in their church.









To be hospitalize under covid case in the Philippines is so expensive. In behalf of my wife Rachel, we are seeking for **urgent financial** help for Preacher

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Paul John to everyone who wants to help. We appreciate your generosity to us in the past for special needs like this and again, we are asking, seeking, knocking and praying to the Lord to give us churches and individuals who will help

Preacher Paul John to his hospital bill. The running bill in the hospital right now is 543,518.67 pesos or \$11,323.30. Health insurance will cover some of the hospital bills but not all. He is recovering little by little after seven days of continues medication in the hospital but no assurance yet when he will be out of the hospital. I believe, any amount you will give will be a great help to our family.

I talked to our mission office before sending this letter and with the approval of our President, Pastor Jim Johnson, he is willing to answer any questions you may have regarding this matter. This is Pastor Johnson contact number **423.707.5468**. Please call him if you want to help or if you have questions.

We are praying for you all. Thank you for your love for God and for your love for the mission. May the Lord always keep us safe.

Together We Serve,

Francis, Rachel, Rafael and

Gabriel