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Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Greetings in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! We pray that this letter finds you well. And may this letter draw a smile in your lips and be blessing to you as we share to you God' s unceasing mercy and goodness towards us.

October was a challenging month for us. We had to have enough budget for the construction of the Comfort Rooms, set of new curtains for the church, and for the repair of the church building' s ceiling for the upcoming anniversary. I am so thankful towards our Savior that the men here in our church was willing to work, to give their time for whatever work they can be able to do in order to lessen the labor cost for the construction of the comfort room. And the women has decided to shoulder the payment for the set of curtains, by opening a garage sale, everyone with something that has something to give for the garage sale has given. By the month of October, children from Saturday became lesser, for some were being restricted by their parents and some by work. Some of the children they are teaching has to help their parents in whatever work they have to do, be it fishing, cleaning a mountain or looking for firewood, and Saturday and Sunday were the only days hey can do so, for the weekdays, they have their modules to take on.

On the 11th of October, a tropical storm named Maring has hit the Northern part of Luzon, and our province was declared to be under state of calamity due to the damages the storm has implicated. The roof of our comfort rooms went flying, the banana trees fell down due to the strong winds, the ceiling inside the parsonage and the church kept on leaking with the rain being unstoppable. My only son, Genesis has come home that night alerting us of the raised water level of the river. Due to the incessant strong winds and heavy rainfall the electricity was cut off but we have to move our things to a safer place. My daughters who has their own cats had to carry them inside their jackets as they carry other things in their arms in the middle of the rain with our dogs trailing behind. It went on until midnight; I had to go down many times to check if the water has subsided. And at two in the morning, we had to stop carrying things out from the parsonage to have a little coffee time to warms us up. Afterwards, the water slowly subsided, it has only reached our comfort room, and it was all thanks to God, for guiding us and keeping us safe throughout the storm. We have to sleep inside the church building that time us we make sure that the waters won' t be able to rise once again. We thank God that He has made our family closer and our faith stronger through the storm. Due to the frequent rains or visitation has to be at the most convenient day where rain is absent.

By November, the ladies have started their garage sale. The young people were the ones in charged for the selling. I am so blessed to see them in harmony and loving what they were doing. One Sunday, Sis Juliana, who lives in the mountains alone, taking care of goats, came to our Church' s Treasurer, Sis Sheryl, handing her an amount which was all she have, saying sorry that she was not able to contribute for the garage sale. I still remember how Sis. Sheryl told us about it with teary eyes, telling us that encouraging moment. Sis Juliana was

already old but she can still walk down the mountains every Sunday to be with us, although she can't read God's word, she can still hear it being read and preached. And on the second week of the month we have looked for a contractor to ask for the cost estimation for the construction of the new Comfort rooms. And the men in the church have already started digging for the septic tank. Since not everyone is free due to their work and other engagements, even my wife and children were also getting involved. Even the kids were there to help us carry stones to level the ground, I can see how they enjoyed doing it even though they have to help us at night for it was only their free time as they were studying, there were no complaints for they are really willing to do so, for God's glory. The work has lasted for almost a week; thankfully the brethren are willing to help making the work faster and lighter. Despite the busy days, the brethren was able to make time for their choir practice, after the heavy work in the afternoons, they rest through practicing the songs for our Church Anniversary.

December came fast and the construction for the Comfort Rooms was still ongoing, and our funds were slowly flying. We have never imagined that the cost would double the amount we have calculated. The tools and everything we have bought earlier were still lacking so I and even the children had to run to the nearby stores everytime the carpenters needed something. After we have finished the digging for the septic tank the carpenters came and continued what we have started. Some of the brethren still came to help despite having the hired carpenters, making the work lighter. For two days straight at every five in the afternoon, we together with the neighboring brethren and the children, carry stones in order to level the ground of the Comfort rooms, I was happy to see the kids participating even though we didn't ask them to do so. Other brethren who was not able to help in the work has sent us some snacks and lunch, and I'm so thankful that they still find ways in getting involved. The day of our Church Anniversary drew nearer and the Comfort Rooms were not yet finished and the funds has almost emptied, leaving us with almost nothing to use for our anniversary. In order to save money, I have to go to the river early in the morning and carry a fine sand instead of buying a truck load of it. A family also with three little kids filled their jeepney with sand and delivered it here. Some brethren also shouldered the payments for the loads of sand and hollow blocks. The carpenters also had to stop earlier than expected because the foreman told us that their labor would not be enough for them. We had no choice but to let them go, and continue what was left to work on to. Two days before our Church Anniversary we were able to finish the work, despite almost everyone of us are sick, one of the brethren, even having a flu has to come and work with us. As we look back at the days that have passed, we see how our Almighty God has guided us all the way.

Our Church Anniversary came fast and through God's grace and providence, everything we have needed, He hath provided. I was so blessed that the brethren have seen what the Church needed and they willingly contributed. Despite being tired, the blessing we received from God's word and from what He hath done for us, were so overwhelming to us. We couldn't thank Him enough for His boundless mercy and love. We are thankful to our Almighty God that despite the raging pandemic we were still able to hold a mass gathering, attended by more than a hundred of us and our brethren combined. He has made the last month of our year full of blessings and a challenge to carry us through the upcoming year. I even heard how the Sunday School Children helped by providing the some needs in the kitchen and in the cleaning area. The kids have their piggy bank which they are filling every Sunday and before our Church Anniversary, they have opened it, and I was so blessed to know that the Note and Box of pens I received in my birthday came from them. I asked their teacher how did it happen and she told me that the kids chose to give him gifts, she even told me that they wanted to buy me shoes, but their savings weren't enough so they just bought

the note which I was using for my outline and the box of pen. Such big heart these small creatures have.

December 24, at evening, the box you have sent for us have arrived. And the Sunday school teachers have made the kids gift a little challenging, she has made their bible Quiz fun and the kids enjoyed it so far. The kids from Saturday classes were also happy to receive such gifts Thank you brethren for your generosity and kindness. The kids loved their gifts so much.

Our year started with a thanksgiving and it has to end with another one also. We have so much to thank God for and also to thank you brethren for your incessant prayers and love. To God be all the Glory!

Your Missionary,
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