

# NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

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## SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER 2022 REPORT

Our Dearest and Ever-faithful Partners in Christ,

### BELATED MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU!!!

First and foremost, we thank God Almighty for being able to write to you again. We are very sorry for this late ministry update of ours. Praying y'all had a wonderful time celebrating our Savior's birth and starting a brand new year!

The past year has been difficult for us. A lot of things happened that really tried our faith. Thank God for bringing us through! We stood and clung on His promises...by His grace, we are still in the ministry serving Him. Thank you for your unfailing love, prayers and support for us!!!

### SEPTEMBER

We continue with our children ministry every week in 4 different villages. We have 2 every Saturday and another 2 every Sunday afternoon. While my wife and the ladies teach the children, I do Bible studies, soul winning and tracts distribution with some men. We keep on planting and someday, God will give the increase!



### OCTOBER

Because face to face classes started again and some of our youth are now very busy with studies and work, we organized a youth fellowship for them to be reminded and encouraged to still make God their first priority. Thankful to God for our visitors. The church in Galimuyod joined us too.

REDEMPTION OF POINTS MONTH...praying for God's continuous provision for this.



## PASTOR & WORKERS' APPRECIATION SUNDAY...

I am always grateful to the Lord for putting me in His ministry despite my unworthiness. It's a great task and responsibility but I'm thankful for the sheep He entrusted. Serving the King of kings and Lord of lords is the highest calling and am so honored to be one of His servants, serving with my family! To all my fellow-laborers in the Lord's vineyard, Happy Appreciation!



On the middle and latter part of October, 2 major trial hit us. First was a tragic accident with my dad and 3 more pastors. We were on our way to a funeral service where my dad was supposed to be preaching and my dad's truck slipped due to bad road conditions causing it to tip and roll over more than once. It was really God's miracle that we are all alive and fine but my dad lost his truck. Secondly, our son, Exodus, was denied of a US visa during our interview at the US embassy and worse, all 3 of our visas (mine, my wife's and Phoebe's), were cancelled. This means not being able to go back to your country yet until we are granted with new visas again, so our plan to come visit this year won't be happening anymore. It was a very discouraging month for us. We humbly ask the Lord to help us see what He wants for us and have the heart to trust Him and obey. By His grace, we are recovering from all of these little by little. Although the future is still uncertain, we can always trust that the One who holds our tomorrow knows best! Please include us in your prayers.. for God's will for us this year 2023. Through it all, God's still good and faithful!



## NOVEMBER

On the first day of the month, we held our very first NHBC Churches and Missions Retreat. God had been putting this in my heart so we planned for it. Unfortunately, after the accident in October, my dad decided to have it in our house in Bagulin, La Union. At the back of it is a donated lot where my dad dreams to build a campsite in the future. We really didn't have the budget for this retreat but we're thankful to the Lord for bringing us altogether, just enjoying the fellowship and strengthening one another through the word of God. We had singing contest for the children in the evening and preaching time through our dear friend, Pastor Jim Johnson via messenger. Please continue to pray for us.



First time visiting our mission outreach in Bangued, Abra in 3 years... By the grace of God, the work there continuous. Ptr. Sammy Mateo was able to open new Bible studies in Udangan, Lapaz, Abra. Please include him and his wife in your prayers. They have been praying to have their own church lot because their missionhouse is already for sale. His wife just gave birth to their baby too. Thank God for His goodness!

More ministry pictures for November...(children ministry,Bible studies and soulwinning)



Our son, Exodus', 6th birthday and church outing for 2022! God is good!



Preaching at the funeral of my late Aunt who died of breast cancer. Always grateful to God for opportunities like this!



As a minister of God, we encounter a lot of people in life. The old lady in the picture died in November but I thank and praise God, I was able to share the gospel to her and her husband before God took her. Life is short. Thank God for grace!



# DECEMBER



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND GIFT GIVING IN OUR 4 CHILDREN CENTERS, TOTAL OF 119 KIDS. To God be all the glory!



CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2022  
Praising God for 1st time & returning visitors.



December 14, I was invited to preach at New Hope Baptist Church, Naguey, Atok, Benguet during their 3rd mission anniversary.



This elderly woman received Jesus as her Savior on the 1st Sunday of December. Please pray she'll keep coming.

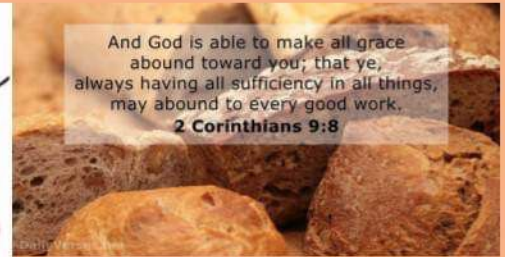


I was also given an opportunity to teach "Family Development Session" to more or less 300 people in 4 different villages where I was able to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We also took the opportunity to give out gospel tracts to Phoebe and Exodus' classmates, parents and teachers during their Christmas programs in school. We never know how God will touch these people's heart. Let's keep on planting! God gives the increase.

**WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL TO THE LORD FOR GIVING US FAITHFUL AND LOVING MINISTRY PARTNERS LIKE YOU. YOU ARE A GREAT PART OF GOD'S WORK HERE IN NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANDON CITY, ILOCOS SUR! MAY GOD CONTINUE TO POUR OUT HIS BLESSINGS UPON YOU. YOU ARE IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS.**

**Prayer Requests:**

- \*More souls to be saved
- \*Spiritual growth and maturity of our church attendees and members
- \*My health(diabetic) and my wife's condition (adenomyosis)-God's will
- \*New believers to follow the Lord in water baptism
- \*New Hope Churches & Missions Youth Camp in April-venue will be at the lot where my dad prays to build a campsite. We are trying to raise \$5000 for its improvement. Any help would be much appreciated.
- \*Lastly, we are praying for a more reliable church van because the one we are using is very old and is always under repair. Your help will be much appreciated!



And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.  
**2 Corinthians 9:8**

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Genesis Santiago & Family*

