

# DE TORRES NEWSLETTER

*"... they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42*



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## Family Update

Pam and I are very thankful and happy to see that Maron and Nathan serve with us in the church as they also excel in their studies and blessed in their personal endeavours.

Seeing so many people not just on Sundays but everyday come to meet me and talk me including national government leaders and generals, we have started to have our very own Baptist Cafe in church to be a blessing to our visiting guests. Nathan leads and oversees this



## Thankful for the Life & Ministry of Our Sending Pastor

We are saddened by the passing away of our former Pastor Earl D Wilcher who pastored Carpenter's House Baptist Church in Germantown, Ohio. God has greatly used him in our personal lives and the ministry here in the Philippines as we were sent out in 2006 as missionaries to the Philippines. Only eternity will reveal how his life and ministry touched lives across the globe reaching the Filipinos as he loved missions and missionaries. Our joy and hope is knowing that there will be a grand reunion in our eternal home.



## Supporting 14 Foreign & Local Missions



As we started also being a mission work and as missionaries, we always love and are burdened to start missions and support missionaries. Continue to pray for us as we train and support nationals starting local mission works and going to foreign lands as well. To date we have added 5 missionaries we support. Three Filipino families going to foreign fields and two local new church plants bringing to 14 missionary families that we support to date. Aside from these, on June we will be again starting a new Carpenter's House Baptist Mission in the province of Pangasinan making it the 15th church plant that came out from our own ministry.

## Reaching 1,200+ College Scholars

As we desire to reach more young people for the Lord and influence the youth organisations in our region, I have started and actively supported the Youth-Link Leadership Development Association (YLLDA) as a registered national youth organisation under the ministry of our church. These are government college scholars coming from the underprivileged sectors of our society that excel academically. Bro. Brindon Malapo, one of our men in church who is with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) leads this organisation where we facilitate youth leadership development programs which is highlighted by Biblical values and principles. They attend our church periodically and are mentored and ministered by our very own youth pastor and youth leaders.



## Overjoyed For Our Baptist Home

Last May, Jelly and John walked the City High-school Auditorium in their graduation toga and finished Senior High-School. After 6 years when I took them in with us from the tribal mountains of Mindanao who can hardly speak or write but now highly involved and serving in the church media ministry and instrumentalist and are now both youth leaders in our youth ministry. As they enter college, we continue to support them as the have given their entire life to serve the Lord and become teachers so that one day they can go back to their tribe and teach them not just how to read and write but tell them about their Saviour Jesus Christ that loved them and has changed them. Now they are helping and training the new kids that we have. Just like them before, these kids come from the streets and hard places. It is a great blessing to see that they are not just telling them but showing them what the Lord has done in their lives and what God can do to these kids as well.



## 2022 Resurrection Service & Cantata

The Lord has blessed again our annual Resurrection Cantata even as we still had gathering restrictions because of COVID. We had 48 professions of faith and a revival that night as most of our church people were able to be back physically in church after over two years. What a joy also to see after two years our grown member's kids who were very happy to be back in church and to sing that night. Children was also restricted strictly to be indoors by government as well.



ministry himself as he personally brews and serve our guests and visitors in church. This has opened another great opportunity for many people to come and be back as they ask more about who we are and about the church. This opened the door for us always to share the gospel.

Maron now is serving in our church administration helping me in all the tedious paper works and management of the church resources addressing the day-to-day concerns along with our full-time staff.

Pam is still busy in her entrepreneurial activities as we are praying and helping together build our own house as it broke ground last month.

Pray for us as there are health issues that we are facing but is of no serious concern but needs to be addressed as part of aging. The rigors and pressures of ministry is not easy but always makes us always trust God and ask for His grace. We are just privileged to join in with what God is doing in the lives of many people that God gave us and the ministries that God allowed us to have.

As the Lord saves people and bring people and their families and so the needs grow as well. Pray with us for God's provision to buy the adjacent church property so we can build a new 8-story building to house the Christian school and seminary, the children's ministry, senior's ministry, youth ministry and the dorms for the staff and kids from our Baptist Home.

As much as we really desire and plan to be stateside especially to visit the family of our former pastor and all our friends, but the more it becomes harder to leave the many responsibilities and the ministry that God has given us.

Do pray that if we can go back and report to our praying and supporting friends and churches for three months probably at the end of this year or early next year that the Lord would allow us to raise the funds for this next level project - the property and for the start of the building construction.



Watch our Sunday Services at FB Live:  
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## OUR TIME Youth Camp 2022

After two years of lockdowns we thank the Lord that we were able to have again our Youth Camp led by our youth ministry called Our Time!. What a joy to see our very own CHBC youth get revived in the 4 day stay-in camp in our church facilities. I invited my good friend Pastor Dave Talaver and his young people from way up north to join us as we encourage each other and our young people. Thankful for the 186 campers, 18 professions of faith, and 4 full-time surrendered lives. Please pray for next year as we have started the Our Time Youth Camp to be held in Cagayan Province 14 hours by land from us as we also hold a simultaneous Adult Camp next year to encourage and strengthen our adult ministries as well.



## Philippine National Police Ministry

The Lord has greatly blessed our ministry in the national police when I started Task Force TAGALIGTAS (Saviour) in 2006 with

then my junior officer classmates who have adopted me to be part of their class as PNPA Sandigan 94 officers. Throughout the years, the Lord has allowed me to minister to them both spiritually, tactically and logistically. Last month as 18 of them was promoted to Police Brigadier Generals occupying now the top posts of the national police, they have asked me to pray for them and their families in our Testimonial Dinner even though we have also in our class the Director of the PNP Chaplain Service also a Brigadier General. What a joy to see how God has used my testimony to bless them and help them in their police careers. God has opened the widest door for me now to have the influence and network to bring in the gospel to over the 200,000 police personnel in our entire country.



## Baptist Friends Fellowship

As I see the need of not just reaching our own localities with the gospel, but also having the right relationships and fellowships with other Baptist pastors of the same convictions and doctrine, I have spearheaded and hosted local Baptist pastors in my region for a time of fellowship and encouragement. As I turn 49 this October and being a 3rd generation Baptist pastor, they have made me realise that I am now more older than most of them and have experiences to share and advices in the ministry. Please pray that the Lord will use this activity to help each other as I also encouraged them to come together and help support new preachers start mission works in other places where there is no Bible-believing Baptist churches. I emphasised with them that although we respect seniority in ministry but we should have no superiority in ministry.



## Local and National Government Leaders

It is a humbling experience and blessing to realise that the Lord has used me to have prayed, helped, and advised our local and national government leaders for many years now. As we have just finished our national elections, we are thankful for our City Mayor and Vice-Mayor unanimously elected along with our presumptive Vice-President of the Philippines. Although the governor that we supported and helped lost but the testimony and the opportunity to pray for her and help her has made an impact in her life and family as she continues to be engaged with our church and ministry. Even though our Congressional Party-list led by my good friend and pastor-kid Atty Mars Arias fell short of votes but he will also be appointed to a national position. Please continue to pray that the Lord will give us favor and open doors to influence and witness to our government officials and that the gospel can always be preached openly and freely. May I ask that you uphold us and especially me in your prayers that the Lord guide me and give me wisdom as I engage with them again in the next 3 to 6 years again.

