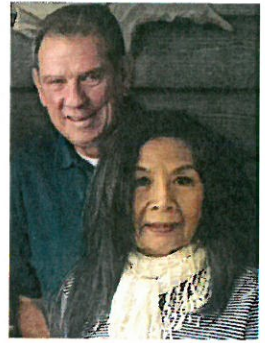


# **BIMIARM** **PERSONNEL** **Assistance & Relief Missionary**



January 2021

**COVID-19** – During the first week of December, Mila and 7 other ladies were exposed to the virus unknowingly at our church’s ladies’ fellowship. One of the ladies attending the fellowship had been exposed, but did not tell anyone. A few days later Mila came down with the virus. Even though I had tested negative for Covid, I began to have body aches like I had the flu. I was rescheduled for a rapid test the next day, and sure enough, I had the virus. It has been a three week battle, but now we are fine and getting our strength back. Thank you for your prayers.

**CATEGORY 5 TYPHOON HITS THE PHILIPPINES** – On Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. I sent out this email:

“Dear Prayer partners, We have an urgent request for prayer for our two churches in the Philippines. They were recently hit by two very strong typhoons causing massive damage. Our Tiwi church has lost their roof and many of their belongings were swept away. Many of the members lost their homes. Worse, their lively hood of natural products has been wiped out. In Guinobatan, the church had water up to their chest, damaging Bibles, hymnals and much of their study and teaching materials as well as their belongings.”

Unfortunately I was not able to send a hard copy to those of you whom I do not have an email address. I did not want to send my virus via prayer letter. Here are a few pictures that show the damage sustained by our Tiwi church.



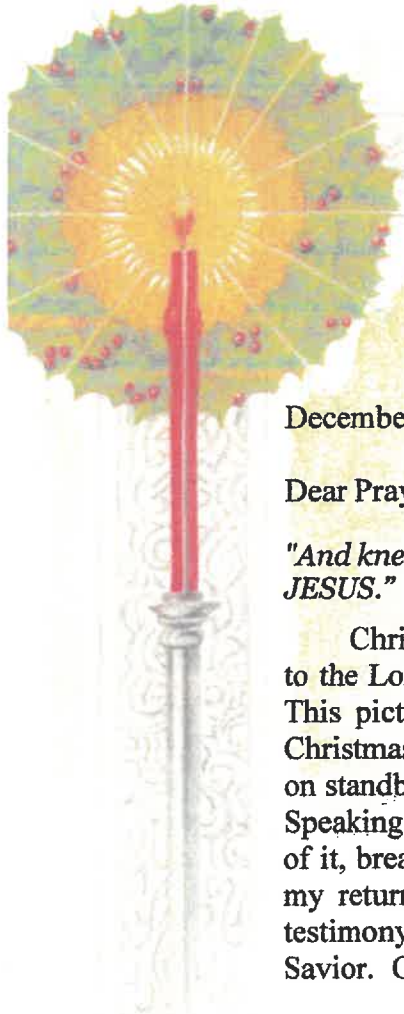
The plan is to make a concrete roof once the better weather comes and when they are able to raise the money. At present we have two conflicting reports on the cost of the roof.

**BACK TO CHAPLAIN SERVICE** – I may be starting back as a chaplain at our Gulf Breeze Baptist Hospital soon, but I must sign a waiver of responsibility to the hospital. The VA has not allowed us volunteers to come back to work as yet.

**HURRICANE SALLY** – We now have a new roof and I had to rebuild our gazebo. Still looking to replace our shed.

In His Service,

Ed & Mila Vaillencourt



# Season's Greetings



December 2023

Dear Prayer Partners,

*"And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS." Matthew 1:25*

Christmas is a time of giving, and with that thought, I would like to give thanks to the Lord for a wonderful life. Mila and I recently celebrated our 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This picture was taken just two weeks ago as we celebrated this occasion. This Christmas will be some-what different for us since we will not be with family. I am on standby as the volunteer chaplain at Gulf Breeze Baptist Hospital from Dec. 25-31. Speaking of that service, I recently was able to pray for a patient in ICU. She was out of it, breathing very heavily. She did not even know I was there. The next day upon my return to her room, she was sitting up and in good spirits. After sharing my testimony and sharing the Word of God, she prayed to receive the Lord Jesus as her Savior. Oh how I rejoice at such opportunities the Lord has given me.

Just yesterday I was rejoicing with a fellow veteran/volunteer at our VA Outpatient Clinic. Two days before he had a cow valve placed in his heart. Since he has had several heart attacks, it was needful that we prayed for him and the surgery. Upon hearing me talking to him, another veteran overheard me mention that our church had prayed for him. He said to me, "I need prayer." I immediately engaged in a conversation with him about his need. Now, 77 years old, he has found himself homeless. He shared with me the circumstances the led him to such a devastating life. He assured me that he knew the Lord as his Savior and that he was prepared for eternity, but we was desperately wanting to get lodging. After I prayed with him he said that he was waiting to be seen by a member of the department that helps such homeless veterans.

There are so many people out there who need a witness, words of encouragement or a hand on their shoulder as we pray for them. Christmas is that time of giving and we who know the Lord have the ability of giving the best gift of all, the gift of salvation. In closing, may I give you a big THANK YOU for your ministry to us in prayers and financial donations for the past years.

In His Service,

*Ed & Mila*

Ed & Mila Vaillencourt

**BIMI** MISSIONARY  
EMERITUS

# **BIMIARM** **PERSONNEL** **Assistance & Relief Missionary**



June 2022

*“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 4:19

**MY MOTHER** – We wish to thank you for your prayers for my Mom. In February my brother informed us that mom was not doing very well. Mila and I flew up to Detroit to spend some time with her. She was beyond the ability to hear and understand. I was able to talk to the chaplain who had made many visits with her during the time she could understand. She never made a profession of trusting Christ that we know of. She is now in eternity, we hope heaven.

**CHAPLAIN VISITS** – Recently I was called upon to visit a woman in the ICU. When I reached the ICU area of the hospital, I was told she was in Rm. 2. When I approached the bedside, I was shocked and returned to the nurse station questioning about the room and patient I was to see. The nurse assured me that I was in the correct room and that she had passed away earlier. She was only 40 but looked 80. It took over an hour before I was able to speak to her husband. He was in the parking lot being consoled by two friends. As they approached the entrance of the hospital, I introduced myself. Needless to say, he was very troubled and over whelmed by his wife’s untimely death. He asked me if he should allow his son, 8 years old, to see his mom in that state. He had relatives coming from out of state and did not know if she would still be in the hospital in ICU. I inquired of those in charge and assured him that she would be in another room for the remainder of the day. We had prayer together and I went on my way hurting for him.

**ONGOING REPAIRS** – Due to the damage Lord Jesus Baptist Church suffered during a typhoon in 2020, we are finally able to help them with a generous donation from one of our supporting churches. With windows that close, they will now be able to keep the inside dry during the often storms that ravish the Philippines.



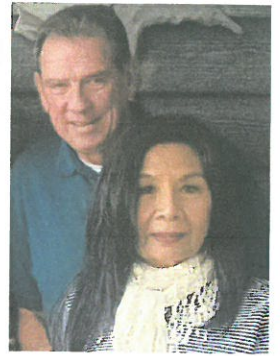
By your financial support we are able to continually support two national pastors of the churches we pioneered as well as a third pastor who grew up in our city church and has pioneered a church in his home town. Thank you very much for your prayers and financial support.

In His Service,

*Ed & Mila*

Ed & Mila Vaillencourt

# **BIMIARM** **PERSONNEL** **Assistance & Relief Missionary**



January 2022

*“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”* Such should we be this New Year, desiring our Lord’s rich blessings as we hunger and thirst for His righteousness in our lives.

**CHAPLAIN VISITS** – Since being cleared for Chaplain Duty, having had my annual flu vaccine and the two Moderna vaccinations, I was called to visit a young lady who was just coming out of a severe case of covid-19. Since she still had tubes in her mouth, she was not able to speak. As I shared the gospel of Christ with her, she would only nod her head to my questions. By her response, I assumed that someone else, perhaps her sister, had requested a chaplain visit. I was not able to have a follow-up visit with her, but prior to leaving her bedside, I prayed for her. In heaven one day we shall see the fruits for our labors here on earth.

**MY MOTHER** – Three months ago my mother, Dorothy Vaillencourt, fell while pulling weeds outside her home, resulting in breaking her femur and hip. After surgery she was moved to rehab and is now in a facility for her daily care. In December she turned 96 but was told she could never live on her own again. At one point her oxygen level dropped to 60%, and is now on oxygen daily. Over the years I have witnessed to her many times. Lately she told my older brother to tell me not to talk to her about religion when I call on the phone. Please pray for her salvation and for the Lord to take her to heaven one day.

**SEEDS SOWN** – Pastor Daryl Loares is doing a great job at this young church, about to celebrate their 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. Our adversary has tried to take him down by attacking his health. He became very sick



and lost a lot of weight, not even able to minister to his people. Finally, he was able to find a doctor who was able to diagnose his illness. He has tuberculosis of the intestines. After being on the correct medicine for several months, he is now able to stand before his congregation and minister to them. We praise the Lord for having a part in his youth and now, able to financially support this new

ministry. We covet your prayers for his complete healing. Thank you folks for your continued support and prayers which makes all this possible.

**PRAYER REQUEST** – Please pray for Bro. Ben Cabogoy, whom we have had the pleasure of ministering to during our stay in Legazpi City. He desires to come back to Legazpi and minister as an evangelist in the churches we have planted.

In His Service,

Ed & Mila Vaillencourt

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July 2021

Dear Prayer Partners,

**COVID-19** – Needless to say, this virus has put a stop to so many activities and opportunities. Many countries are still closed, eliminating the opportunity of foreign missionaries of taking their furloughs. Consequently, we who are in the business of taking their place for a period of time must stay put.

**REPAIR OF OUR CHURCH IN TIWI** – We wish to thank all who have prayed for our church folk in Tiwi after the devastation of their homes, lively-hood, and their church. Some have given for the repair, but the cost has risen even higher than first mentioned. We thank you for your sacrificial gifts for the repair of the church.



As can be seen from the 2 pictures, the concrete roof has been completed. The lower portion of the church had to be closed in since the previous metal bars were not able to minimize the destruction from storms.

**CHAPLAIN SERVICE** – I am once again scheduled for the volunteer chaplain service at our Gulf Breeze Baptist Hospital. For such duty I was required to sign a waiver of responsibility to the hospital. Even though I have had the Covid-19 virus and have had the Moderna vaccination, there are no guarantees that if exposed I would not get the virus again. I trust your and my prayers will keep me safe.

**VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC** – I am once again serving at our local VA Clinic as a volunteer. Being a federal medical clinic, we must wear a face mask while on duty. Please pray that I would have opportunities to witness to these needy veterans.

**PRAYER REQUEST** – Please continue to pray for the congregation in Tiwi. Most of them depend on the natural resources, abaca and coconuts for their daily earnings. Also pray for Pastor Darryl Loares. He has lost a lot of weight and has no appetite.

In His Service,

Ed & Mila Vaillencourt

# **BIM I ARM** PERSONNEL Assistance & Relief Missionary



December 20, 2019

*“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”. Isaiah 9:6*

## **THIS TIME LAST YEAR**



– We were in Fiji replacing missionary Paul Daku and family while they were on furlough. We were there until March 15<sup>th</sup> of this year. We really enjoyed meeting the Fiji people and ministering to the congregation of Harvest Baptist Church. Mila was well loved by the children, especially the assistant pastor’s daughter. While there we took a speed boat up river and got immersed in the culture of the Fijians. Seeing life in the village gave me a greater appreciation for life in the USA.



## **OUR MINISTRY IN JULY BROUGHT US TO BALTIMORE**

– For 3 weeks we worked on the Child Evangelism Headquarters building and grounds. Our group works seven hours a day, four days a week. The ladies work equally and were painting and landscaping while us men did the construction jobs. I was picked to do the power washing and trimming of the over grown bushes. During our stay we worked with two other sweet couples as seen in the picture with us all wearing blue shirts.



## **AUGUST, WHAT A CHANGE**

– We drove to New Durham, NH to work at Maranatha Ministries Family Camp. We were truly in a camp ground for the camp was situated in the forest. We welcomed the temperate climate. As in the last work station, the ladies were involved in painting and staining while the men were constructing and repairing. I had the best job, going through out the camp repairing the street lights and making sure they were truly perpendicular. Many of the light poles had to be shimmed to straighten them.



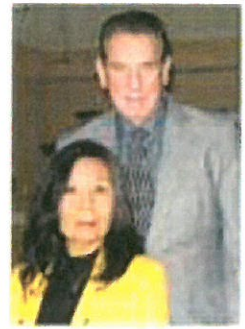
## **PRAYER REQUEST**

– During this Christmas season we are blessed to have many of you praying for us and supporting us financially while we serve the Lord in the U.S.A. or the other side of the world. In a few days we will drive to Greer, SC to spend Christmas with our son and family. We covet your prayers for safe traveling mercy. Also, please pray for my Mom’s salvation, now 94, who has recently started reading the Bible.

In His Service,

Ed & Mila Vaillencourt

# **BIMIARM** **PERSONNEL** **Assistance & Relief Missionary**



October 2019

Dear Prayer Partners,

**YOUR PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED** – In our last prayer letter I asked that you pray for our traveling safety as we travel to Maryland and New Hampshire to work at two projects. After about 200 miles of traveling north our truck trailer brakes failed. But we pushed on driving through the winding roads of Virginia, praying that we would not encounter any mishaps. We proceeded to Baltimore, Maryland, another 800+ miles. We arrived safely to begin working on our first 3 week project.

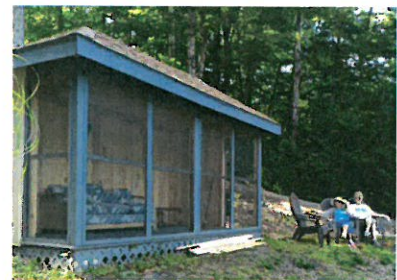
**CEF HEADQUARTERS IN BALTIMORE** - Our work varied from power washing, to bush trimming, painting, installing a drop ceiling and some cement work. Our biggest job was building a canopy over the entrance stairs. While our wives were painting, us men constructed the porch roof over the stairs and landing. Our job was much appreciated by the CEF staff. The two men I was working with were really good at such designing and construction. I was pleased to cut the wood they needed. While in Baltimore I brought my truck to the Chevrolet dealership to get the trailer brakes fixed.



**MARANANTHA MINISTRIES FAMILY CAMP** - On August 1st we arrived in New Durham, New Hampshire where we would work for the next three weeks. We had a perfect camp site and looked forward to working in cooler weather. My job was to repair many of the street lights. Then there was



power washing and staining of the balconies. The ladies spent the whole three weeks sanding and painting in one of the new buildings. Paul and I worked in the pond cabin the last week. It involved much cutting and nailing of the boards on the sides



and ceiling. What a joy we felt and how rewarding it was to see the camp looking great and ready for the campers young and old alike. Hundreds have been saved through the ministry of this marvelous camp in the woods.

**PRAYER REQUEST** - Chris Edmonds, the camp director, had a sever stroke the last week of our stay. We ask that you pray for his healing and for wisdom of the board of directors for the continued operation of the camp.

In His Service,

Ed & Mila Vaillencourt

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Dear Prayer Partners,

**FIJI** - Our time in Fiji went by very rapidly. We enjoyed ministering to the people,



especially those in Harvest Baptist Church in Sigatoka. It was somewhat of a difficult ministry considering that most of the congregation had to be picked up by the Assistant Pastor, since most are poor and do not own their own vehicle. Mila was my assistant, teaching the children in S.S. and during the morning worship. During our last service, our departure was celebrated



with tea time. Here I am sitting with the men. During the evening Mila and I would walk a mile and a half for our exercise and while walking we would pass out gospel tracts. Of the many that we had invited to church, none showed up. We will know in heaven one day the results of all those tracts we distributed.

**CHAPLAIN DUTY** –Recently, while on Chaplain duty, I was called to visit a patient in ICU. Upon my arrival the patient was on the phone, and once off the phone he told me it was a bad time to visit him. I offered to pray with him and he politely accepted my request. I drove back home, twenty miles, thinking I had wasted my trip to the hospital. Later that week the same patient called for me to visit him. Now, out of ICU and in a private room, he was looking forward to my visit. That morning I had the privilege of leading him to Christ. He had experienced a miraculous healing of a flesh eating bacteria in his leg, of which the doctors were amazed! I wonder if it was the result of our short prayer during my first visit! God does hear and answer prayers, sometimes most amazingly.

**GRADUATION MONTH** – On May 24th. we will be travelling to Franklin, TN to attend our 2nd. grand-son's high school graduation. Then on the 27th. we will drive up to Walled Lake, MI to visit my Mom and family. She is now 93 but has not accepted the Lord as her Saviour. I have witnessed to her and by siblings on many occasions, but to no avail. I pray that this visit to my lost family might show some hope on their view of eternity and faith in Jesus Christ.

**PRAYER REQUEST** –The first week of July we will be pulling our travel trailer up to Windsor Mill, Maryland to work at a Christian camp for three weeks. Then we will proceed to New Durham, NH to work at another Christian camp for three weeks. We pray that we will be a blessing to these camps as we participate in doing manual labor and whatever else they have for us to do. Since hurricane season starts in June, we earnestly covet your prayers for safety during our travels and for the safety of our home while we will be gone.

In His Service,

Ed & Mila Vaillencourt



# **BIM I ARM** PERSONNEL Assistance & Relief Missionary



**FIJI** - We arrived in Fiji on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Boy were we in for a shock. Prior to leaving home, everyone was teasing us about suffering in Fiji! What they meant was that we were going to a Paradise and that we would be enjoying life in this paradise. Fiji is a paradise provided you are staying at a 4 or 5 star resort. Otherwise, it is just another tropical island in a 3<sup>rd</sup> world nation. I believe the Philippines was more modern in 1981, when we first arrived there than what Fiji is now. We do thank the Lord for an A/C in the bedroom in the missionary house where we are staying. The daily temperature is in the high 80s with a humidity 85-90%. The end result...suffering the heat in Fiji!

**ANSWERED PRAYERS** – I asked for your prayers for the healing of my foot, suffering from Planters fasciitis. Just days before our flight my foot stopped hurting. Since being here it has gotten better. Thank you for your prayers.

**THE MINISTRY** – The church we are ministering in is small and the congregation is made up of Fijians and Indians. The Fijians are the friendliest people in the world. It is a joy going out to the market and handing out tracts. They eagerly take them and often start reading immediately. Transportation is difficult and most people do not own a vehicle. Consequently, the assistant pastor must go out with the church van and pick up most of the people for church. Only two families drive in with their vehicle.

**PASTOR'S CAMP** – On Jan. 24-26 we had a 3-day pastor and family camp meeting. It was a neat time in which Mila and I were able to meet different local pastors and one American missionary. The camp was organized by the father and brother of Missionary Paul Daku Jr., whom we are replacing. I was chosen to be the quest speaker.

**PRAYER REQUEST** – Each week we hand out hundreds of gospel tracts and invite people to church. Last Sunday our assistant pastor brought a neighbor family to church for the first time. That morning I taught on “Repentance” in Sunday School and then preached on “Regeneration” from John 3:3. The mother of the family came forward and Mila had to joy of leading her to Christ. Pray for the salvation of souls and for safe travelling mercy as we fly back to the states on March 16.

Ed & Mila Vaillencourt



November 12, 2018

Dear Prayer Partners,

**CHAPLAIN CALL** - When I am called by the hospital for the need of a chaplain visit, I never know what conditions I will face. I always pray before leaving the house that the Lord will give me wisdom and the words to say as I face the situation. On a recent call I was directed to the room where the family were waiting. Their mother who was just recovering from surgery and was about to be released, had a heart attack and died. I waited several hours with the siblings until their sister arrived. It gave me a chance to witness to them and to encourage them in the Lord. Often I find that the relatives of the deceased profess to know the Lord but when asked what church they attend, I find them giving excuses for not attending anywhere.

**PLANTAR FASCIITIS** - You might respond, what is that? It is an inflammation of the foot, primarily of the heel and it makes walking very painful. Mine started on my right foot around the end of September. I was going to consult my doctor in October at the VA, but unfortunately she retired and I have been without a doctor ever sense. Fortunately I have gotten good advice from people who have experienced this medical problem and I am at the healing stage now.

**FJI MISSION** - In just a few weeks we will fly out to the island of Fiji. We will be taking over the ministry of a furloughing BIMI missionary for three and a half months. Our departure date is on Dec. 3 and return to the states on Mar. 16, 2019, the Lord willing. During that time we may not be able to send out letters by mail since the missionaries' printer went out of commission. You will receive letters via e-mail, so I sure hope I have your correct e-mail address. If not, please update me at "edwardvaillencourt@yahoo.com". My pivail@live.com has been hacked; I am not sure I will be using it in the future. We covet your continued prayers and support of this ministry.

In His Service,

Ed & Mila

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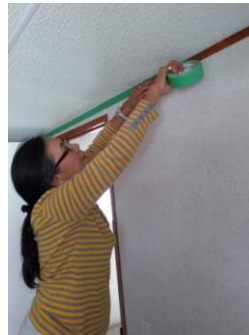
# **BIMI ARM** **PERSONNEL** **Assistance & Relief Missionary**



June 2, 2018

Dear Prayer Partners,

**WHITE LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMP** - We arrived in White Lake, NC on March 2 to work on several buildings, making them camp worthy. Our first job involved redirecting the sewer lines in the lot since three building had been removed. While the ladies prepared and painted the inside of two buildings, I was breaking up cement, re-cementing the same area, building new stairs for the back door, then lastly, patching and sanding cracks in the walls and ceiling of a third building.



**HARVEST TIME BIBLE CAMP** - We arrived at this camp NW of Shelby, NC on April 6th. At both camps we worked with two other couples. The men built 3 sets of bunk beds, 2 single beds, and 2 cabinets for a staff house. Meanwhile the ladies were making new curtains for the cabins. Our last project was the pool. We power washed the entire pool and surrounding area, afterwards painting it. As we departed we were pleased that our labors enabled the camp to be that much more prepared to start operations this summer season. Thank you for your prayers and support which has enabled us to continue in the service of the Lord, especially in this kind of ministry.



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# **BIMIARM** **PERSONNEL** **Assistance & Relief Missionary**



February 27, 2018

Dear Prayer Partners,

In just a few days we will be hooking up our RV and travelling to White Lake, NC. We will be working at White Lake Christian Camp for three weeks. At this point I am not sure just what we will be doing, but I am sure it will be challenging. Then on April 6th. we begin work in Shelby, NC at Harvest Time Bible Camp. All of the camp works are standard three weeks. We do covet your prayers for travelling safety as well as safety on the job sight.

We have a two week break between the two camps so we will bring our RV to Shelby, NC, where we will spend the night. The next day we will leave for Pensacola where we will meet up with our daughter and her family as they come down for Spring Break. We are looking forward to some precious time with our family.

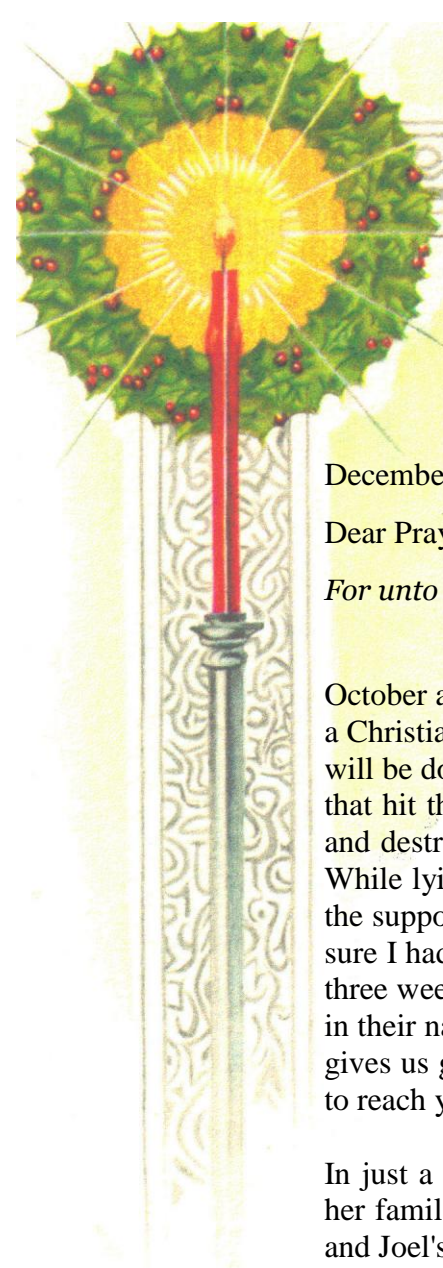
The other night I had a call from one of our missionaries in Saudi Arabia, sent out from Trinity Baptist Church in Legazpi City, Philippines. He is an engineer working in Saudi Arabia. While working in his profession, he is also pastoring an underground church. He also is in his third year of conducting a Bible Institute for his members. After discussing some of the problems he is facing in the ministry, he shared with me that they now have three outreaches in different parts of the country, one as far as 200 miles. I share this with you as a blessing. You have supported us these many years and you are now reaping souls in an Arab country. Please pray for his ministry. I cannot release his name since he is ministering in an underground church. The Lord knows who you are praying for.

Sincerely,

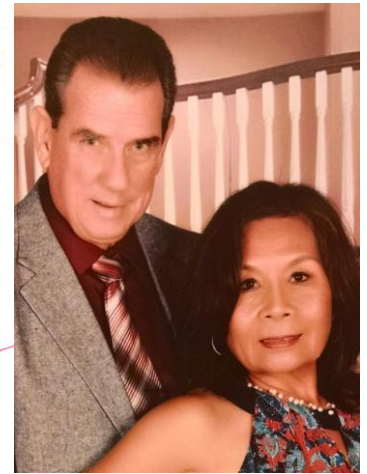
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# Season's Greetings



December 2017

Dear Prayer Partners,

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2:11

October and November was a busy time for us. We spent two and a half weeks working at a Christian Camp in Polk City, Camp Gilead. We never really know what sort of work we will be doing until we get there, but we are always ready to help out. The recent hurricane that hit their area destroyed part of their floating dock. Portions of it had to be removed and destroyed while other portions were put back on floaters so that they could be used. While lying on the dock and reaching out so that I could get my mask under water to see the support posts, I heard a pop and sudden pain on the left side of my chest. I thought for sure I had either cracked or broken a rib. It turned out it was only bruised. It took a good three weeks before I could sleep on my left side without pain. We had a lot of work to do in their nature trails, removing poisonous weeds and vines and cutting up downed trees. It gives us great satisfaction to know that we are a vital help to the camps in preparing them to reach young souls for the Lord.

In just a few days we will be travelling north to spend Christmas with our daughter and her family. We are excited to see in person our great grand-son, Roman. He is Mikaela and Joel's son, born October 16, 2017.

As a member of BIM I ARM, we answered a call for a missionary wanting a relief while they go on furlough. We are committed to relieve Bro. Paul Daku Jr. from Dec. 1, 2018 to Mar. 15, 2019 on the island of Fiji. You might be wondering where is Fiji. It is in the south Pacific, north east of New Zealand. We understand the need of long range planning since furloughing missionaries must line up meetings a year in advance. I share this with you folks so that you can keep us in your prayers for us to maintain good health and financial support.

During this Christmas Season and end of the year 2017, we wish to thank all of you who have had an active role in the financial support and prayers of our ministry. May the Lord richly bless you all as we enter the New Year.

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October 2017

Dear Prayer Partners,

**CAMP OZONE** - On Sept. 1 we departed for Camp Ozone in Ozone, TN, for our three week mission work under V.M.M., (Volunteer Mobile Missionaries). It is our joy to be active in serving the Lord and helping these camp sites reach souls throughout the year. Mila and Diane were busy sanding and refinishing camp signs.



Bro. Lamar and I were very busy cutting the lumber to size, then nailing the siding onto the main work shop, afterwards on one of the cabins which you see in the background. We also had work to do inside the cabin like finishing the ceiling molding and installing the bathroom doors. I must confess, I am learning to do things I have never done in my life. I hung two bathroom doors, but I must confess, the second one came out much better.



My thirteen years of experience as an aircraft mechanic in the Air Force has enabled me to be skillful with my hands. I installed a choke cable on an old Ferguson diesel tractor, then I changed a thermostat in a Jeep for our camp leader. I did fail on getting a lawn mower to run well.



We were able to purchase a 2007 Silverado for pulling our home on wheels.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for making this ministry possible.



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June 2017

Dear Prayer Partners,

**A NEW MISSION WORK** - Recently we were invited by a couple in our church, Lamar and Diane Enfinger, to accompany them on their mission trip. They are members of V.M.M., Volunteer Mobile Missionaries. Their mission is to work at Christian camps for a period of three weeks at a time, primarily doing repair and construction work.



During our two weeks with them we mounted a counter in the snack bar, put knobs on the newly installed cabinets, cut and installed floor molding in one of their

staff houses which had just had all the floors replaced. Then we all got together and finished sanding the outdoor chapel benches and painted them.



Mila worked with Diane scraping, sanding and painting the benches in the outdoor chapel. With permission of B.I.M.I., we have joined their group, reaching souls through the camp ministry while waiting



for opportunities of relieving missionaries for short terms.

**A DIFFICULT CHAPLAIN CALL** - On most of my chaplain visits at the hospital I have been able to witness to the patients and pray for their salvation. This recent call was very different and most difficult. The patient was in a comma as a result of a heart attack. I immediately prayed with the grown children in regards to their mom's condition. During my stay the doctor entered the room and explained to the family the dire condition of their mom. Instead of praying for their mother's soon release, they were now faced with the heart wrenching decision of disconnecting life support on their beloved mother. Once again I prayed with the family and departed, not knowing if they chose to follow the doctor's advice.

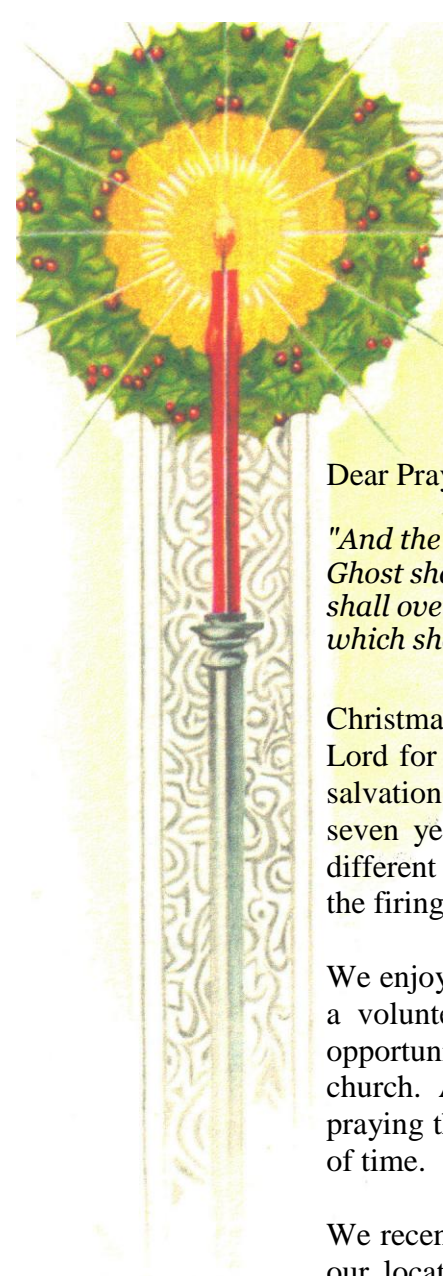
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# Season's Greeting



Dear Prayer Partners,

*"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35*

Christmas is a time of giving, and with that thought I would like to give thanks to the Lord for a wonderful life. Mila and I have been actively serving the Lord since our salvation in 1974. We have now been in "full time" service as missionaries for thirty-seven years. Although our service for the last six and a half years has been much different than the previous thirty years in the Philippines, nevertheless, we are still on the firing squad giving out the Gospel.

We enjoy being active in the monthly Filipino group Bible study. I am still serving as a volunteer chaplain at the Gulf Breeze Baptist Hospital, which gives me great opportunities for witnessing. I often teach Sunday School in one of our classes at our church. As they say, a preacher never retires, but keeps serving the Lord. We are still praying that we might be used in relieving a missionary on the field for a short period of time.

We recently had the occasion of celebrating our 48th. wedding anniversary. While at our location we met a group of Filipinos from Kissimmee, FL, of whom we had breakfast together. When I told them we were celebrating our 48th anniversary, Fred asked, "What is your secret?" So many marriages end in divorce and it is rare to hear of long lasting marriages. I viewed his question as a great opportunity to give our Lord the praise for what His has done in our lives. My immediate answer was "Jesus". For the next thirty minutes I was able to give our testimony and witness to the group about a personal relationship with Jesus as our Saviour.

During this Christmas Season and end of the year 2016, we wish to thank all of you who have had an active role in the financial support and prayers of our ministry in reaching Filipinos in North West Florida. May the Lord richly bless you all as we enter 2017.

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# **BIMIARM** **PERSONNEL** **Assistance & Relief Missionary**



July 2016

Dear Prayer Partners,

**PROJECT - MOPED SCOOTERS** - We praise the Lord for His bountiful blessing on this project. We received \$2,520 toward the purchase of scooters. As I began my final research I discovered we could purchase the Honda TMX 125cc at a lower cost than the scooters and they would be much more practical and sturdy. Eventually the pastors could put a sidecar on them, allowing more passengers on their trip. Here we have Ptr. Joseph on the left and Ptr. Benji on the right with their wives and the pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Ptr. Tanierla in the back. We wish to thank those who gave for the purchase of this much needed transportation in the ministry. With this type of vehicle, they can drive into the interior as long as there is a path. How great is our God!



**UNDERSTANDING SUCH NEED** - Afterwards I received the following text from Ptr. Joseph's wife. It will help you understand and appreciate the purchase of these motorcycles. I have pasted it in this letter just as I received it:

"Ptr Ed and te mila..Ptr jo said thank you so much yesterday wen we get home,,Ptr Jo is emotional bout his new motorcycle because it is such a blessing for him and in the ministry he said he can't believe until now he has this and he is so thankful to both of u specially to u Ptr ...he said he pray for it long long time ago for the ministry for him to reach more people specially in remote area coz thers s a lot people there who want to learn the word of God and more to share the word of God...and today it's a prayer answered to him...I know God loves Ptr Jo so much for his answerwd prayers..and God use u to be an instrument to share your blessings to us...you encourage us more to serve inspite of the things the we face a month's ago...and all the persecution that we encounter.we are emotional the joy we have in our hearts is because of both of you Ptr...wevprayed that your love invthe ministry here will have more bountifully blessing both in your life....we love you po...more people to reach more souls to save....God bless po"

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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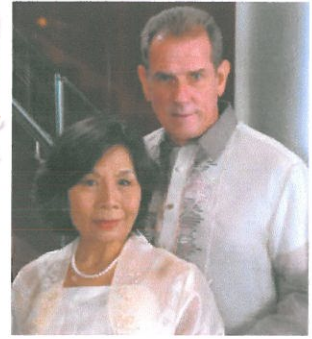
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Dear Prayer Partners,

*"Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." Matthew 6::8*

**BEING USED IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD** - Since the day I surrendered my all at Trinity Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL, I have had the unceasing desire to serve the Lord. Now, 41 years later, I can look back at the joy of being where God has put us and doing His will. Nearly 30 years on the mission field of the Philippines has brought us great joy in seeing numerous souls saved and many in full time service of the Lord. As I write this letter I am studying my message for a Filipino Bible study group that meets once a month. I am still serving as a volunteer chaplain for the Gulf Breeze Baptist Hospital.

**NPA OR EVIL PERSON?** - Just two days ago I received an urgent message from Ptr. Joseph's wife, Gles. Ptr. Joseph is the pastor of the 3rd Baptist church we established in Guinobatan, Albay, Philippines. They are both fearful due to some phone calls saying that someone wants to kill Joseph. The latest phone caller is demanding 80,000 pesos. They have left their home and are staying temporarily with her parents. It is difficult to know if this is a threat from the NPA (communist rebels) trying to extract money from them or some other wicked person doing the same. We covet your prayers for these servants as they minister for the Lord in their home town.

**PROJECT - MOPET SCOOTERS** - Ptr. Joseph and Ptr. Benji both serve the Lord in small towns. Ptr. Benji is in a more remote area. Consequently travel is sometimes very difficult and consuming much time just getting to one's destination. We would like to purchase a motor scooter for each of them for the work of the ministry. Cheap China made scooters can be purchased for \$800, but I would rather buy name brands like Yamaha or Honda. China scooters do not last long, so they are not a good purchase for the money. If you would like to have a part in this, you can send an extra donation to our account at BIMI and designate the money for SCOOTERS. This would be a great blessing for these pastors if we can see this project realized.

## **PRAYER REQUEST**

- Safety for Pastor Joseph
- Funds for Scooters
- Good health to serve the Lord

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

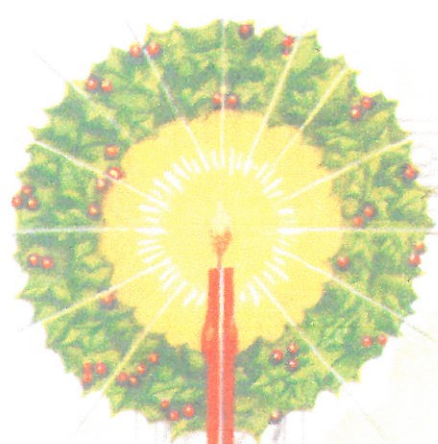
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# Season's Greetings



Dear Prayer Partners,

*"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." Philipians 4:17*

**FRUIT** - We all love fruit and there is a season for the fruit we pick off of our trees. The fruit the Apostle Paul is talking about has to do with those converts in the ministry, souls that have been saved through our ministry. Unlike the fruit from a tree, the fruit in the ministry is unpredictable. As the Scriptures say, *"So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."* 1 Cor. 3:7 Bro. Jun Mayor got saved under our ministry in the early 80's. Just last month he was ordained to the Gospel ministry.



**FIL-AM BAPTIST CHURCH** - Thank you for your prayers. The sale is final and Fil-Am Baptist Church now has beautiful facilities and a great location. Although my wife and I chose to leave the church two years ago due to differences in pastoral leadership, we still have fellowship with Pastor Hintay and the congregation. Last month I was asked to participate in the inauguration of their new building. I had the privilege of challenging them at the end of the ceremony. Due to their new location



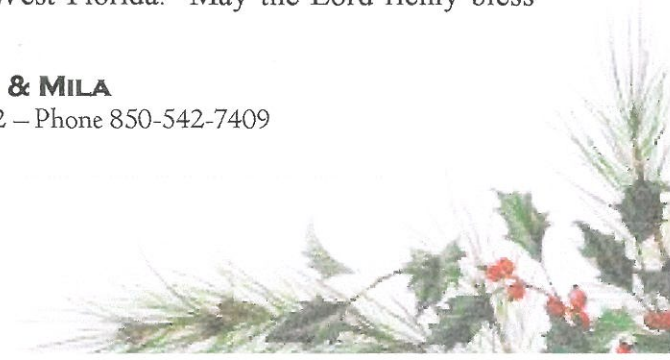
they have already attracted several new families to join their services.

**A SPECIAL THANKS** – During this Christmas Season and end of the year 2015, we wish to thank all of you who have had an active role in the financial support and prayers of our ministry in reaching Filipinos in North West Florida. May the Lord richly bless you all as we enter the New Year.

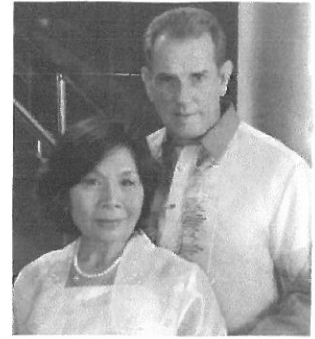
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# **BIMI ARM** **PERSONNEL** **Assistance & Relief Missionary**



Dear Prayer Partners,

*"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."* Psalm 46:10

**FIL-AM BAPTIST CHURCH** - During our first 3.5 years here in the Pensacola area my wife and I worked with this Filipino/American church. It was our labor and joy to see a Filipino pastor come from the Philippines and become the pastor of this church. The congregation has been looking for a better location for their church for the past several years. Recently, a beautiful church near-by has closed their doors and has offered for Fil-Am Baptist Church to purchase it. This is a blessed answer to prayer. They are presently working on the loan from the bank. Please pray that this deal will go through. The new location would greatly enhance their public awareness and perhaps draw more Filipinos to visit and perhaps join.

**HOME BIBLE STUDY** - This Saturday, Sept. 19 is our turn to host our monthly Filipino Bible Study and fellowship. We usually have between 25-35 in attendance. I have two near-by neighbors that are Filipinos whom I have invited to this time of fellowship. They are Roman Catholics so the likelihood of them attending is doubtful, but do pray that they will attend. My wife and I also met an American married to a Filipina at a local restaurant last month. I gave him my calling card and invited them to attend this Saturday.

**MY HEALTH RECOVERY** - It has now been six months since my triple bypass surgery and I am doing great. The restrictions of my arm movement for the first six weeks post surgery greatly aided the healing of my right shoulder from the total replacement surgery 18 months prior. Last month I started to feel a slight tugging over my left chest when I cough. I have an appointment with my VA heart doctors the end of the month. I pray it is just nerves healing back together and nothing serious. I do covet your prayers for complete healing.

**CLARIFICATION** - Are we retired? No. We are under the ARM Ministry of BIMI. *"The ARM personnel of BIMI are Assistance & Relief Missionaries who have served the Lord faithfully for many years in missions but are no longer able to carry out the rigorous tasks associated with their previous ministry. These missionaries still have a tremendous amount to offer in the area of worldwide evangelization. Because of their wealth of knowledge, their many years of experience and their continuing service, these missionaries are worthy of support."* As such we are available to relieve missionaries for short terms. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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Dear Prayer Partners,

"I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to *him that is far off*, and to *him that is near*, saith the LORD; and I will heal him. " Isaiah 57:19

## **MINISTRY AMONG FILIPINOS**



- As reported previously, we continue to have a ministry among the Filipino community. We gather for a monthly Bible study and fellowship. I am often asked to bring the message. Our latest gathering on May 2nd. was two-fold: Bible study fellowship and much later, the televised fight of Manny Pacquiao vs Floyd Mayweather. Several new folks who came to see the fight also got to hear the message of the Word of God.

**MY HEALTH SHOCKER** - As a result of my last echo cardiogram, my heart doctor suggested that I have a heart catheterization. On March 6th Mila and I drove to Keesler Air Force Base, MS, where I would have the procedure. I figured we would leave for home that afternoon, or at the latest, the next morning. To my utter surprise, the doctor informed me that I had 3 arteries blocked at 90% and that I would be transferred to Ocean Springs Hospital for my surgery.

On March 10th I underwent open heart surgery with a triple by-pass performed. Our daughter and son came to be with my Mila during that critical time. All went well and I was discharged five days later. It has now been eleven weeks since my surgery and I am doing great. I have had a remarkably quick recovery, thanks to the prayers of thousands of you folks who were informed by my e-mail at that time. By the way, if I do not have your e-mail address as you read this letter, please send it to me.

**VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN SERVICE** - During my last two days in the hospital I was required to walk several times a day. While walking and passing other patients' rooms, I decided to visit other patients and pray with them. Another veteran, just down the hall, was waiting for his surgery. After learning of my surgery, he began to ask me many questions. It was now my opportunity to witness to him about the Lord. On one visit I came upon his room full of family and close friends. They were also full of questions. Afterwards I began to ask them the most important question, their eternal destiny. Most of them professed to know Christ as their savior. I went ahead and sort of preached to them. I praise the Lord for such opportunities of sharing the Word of God. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

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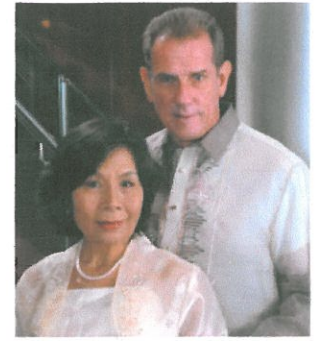
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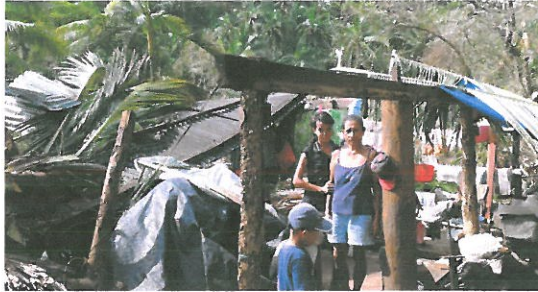
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Dear Prayer Partners,

**MISSION TRIP** - Our trip of six weeks to our churches in the Philippines was a great success.



The funds that we received and sent to our Tiwi church for the rebuilding of church members homes was accomplished.



**NEW PASTOR FOR TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH** - The church had been without a permanent pastor for eight months. I had to spend the Sunday School hour to explain a candidates qualifications, having come from a Bible Baptist background. Once they understood



that the present candidate was of like faith and practice and truly an independent Baptist, they unanimously called him to be their

pastor. Pictured with my wife and I are Ptr. Ira Tanierla and his family.



**GUINOBATAN MINISTRY** - Blessed Hope Baptist Church had to move their location a year ago. They were able to build a temporary structure next to their rented house. When we arrived we saw that the floor was only partially cemented and dirt and that there was no ceiling, causing the building to be very hot in the daytime. We purchased cement and plywood to make the church building more accommodating.



**SALVATION OF SOULS** - We praise the Lord for the four precious souls that made a confession of faith in Jesus Christ during our visit. Thank you for your prayers and support of our mission trip.

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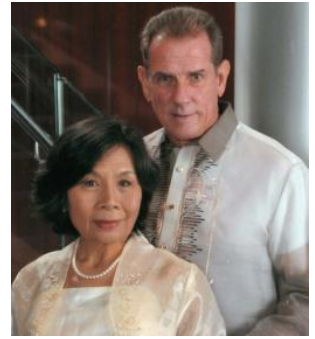
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Dear Prayer Partners,

**MISSION TRIP** - In just a few weeks we will be heading to the Philippines for a six week mission trip and returning on January 16th. Our main church, Trinity Baptist Church in Legazpi City, has been without a pastor for over six months. We will do our best to help the church find the right man for the position. Lord Jesus Baptist Church in Tiwi suffered some major damage to the roof during the last typhoon that passed the area. We have already sent them funds for the repairs as well as funds to help some of the very poor members to rebuild their houses that were also destroyed by the storm. Please pray for our safety in travelling and for a productive time.

**ARM - Assistance & Relief Missionaries** - Through this ministries we are available for relief of missionaries that need someone to take their place while they go on furlough, whether it be for a short period or long period. A missionary in South Africa is planning their furlough for 2015-2016. We have committed ourselves for relief for four months, Dec. 1, 2015 - Mar. 31, 2016. Our ability to follow through with this relief can only be done provided our support remains constant. That is where we need your support. We also pray that the Ebola virus would not reach that area.

**BLESSINGS OF THE TRACT MINISTRY** - Upon my birthday this past October I received these encouraging words from one of our church members in the Philippines:

"Pastor, I have been dawdling the whole day to write my birthday message for you....

You, through ate Mila distributing tracts in Albay park back when I was in HS in the 80s, were instrumental in my getting saved and knowing Christ, our Saviour. Who would expect that many years later we will meet again in TBC, the same church that I first went to in HS, and that which you started, but I was so much older then and I already had a family of my own?

I'd like to tell the whole world that I am so grateful you had been our pastor,.. my pastor. I had grown wiser spiritually and became a better person under your care and ate Mila's.

Thank you for your confidence in me and for being very supportive. (Will I ever forget you had been by my side in the biggest crises of my life??) Most importantly, thank you for being my friend. Thank you for everything.

I love you in the Lord. May the Lord bless you more and my warm regards to ate Mila!

Happy "nth" birthday Pastor Edward Vaillencourt !!"

Many folks think handing out tracts is a waste of time. Not so. Mila got saved through a tract that I picked up at work and brought home. Only in heaven will we really know souls that were saved and receive the rewards for all the tracts we have distributed. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of our ministry.

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June 2014

Dear Prayer Partners,

*Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7*

**ARM MINISTRY** - I believe there has been some misunderstanding since we announced the change in our ministry. Our support is down by 60% since coming back to the states. Not only do we need support to continue our life, but so much more if we are asked to relieve a missionary on the foreign field. We will be making a mission trip back to the Philippines this December for six weeks. Travel alone will be approximately \$3,600, not including our board and lodging. We pray that our present supporters will not forsake us as many others have in recent years.

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, LEGAZPI CITY** – We often hear of pastors getting into sin, but never think it will happen in our church. Two months ago we received the news that the pastor of our first church established in Legazpi had to resign due to immorality. Initially the problem caused a split in the church. Once the pastor stepped down, many of the members came back to the church. A good friend and pastor in the Manila area has been helping the church through this dilemma. The two pastors of our other churches are sharing the pulpit at Trinity until such time as they are able to call a new pastor. We covet your prayers for the congregation during this time.

**CHAPLAIN MINISTRY** – On May 7th. I was on call as 2nd. backup chaplain for Gulf Breeze Baptist Hospital. A patient asked to see a pastor. Since the duty chaplain was not a pastor, I was called for the visit even though I am not in a position as a pastor. Patients seldom call for a chaplain unless their state of health is some-what critical. At such times it is essential to introduce the patients to the Great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ. During this visit I was able to lead this patient to the Lord as her Savior. I thank the Lord for the blessings of being a volunteer chaplain as it affords me another opportunity of dealing with individuals about eternity.

**SHOULDER RECOVERY** – I am eight months post opt and doing well most of the time. When I made a decision to have total shoulder replacement surgery, I had done my research on the topic and fully understood what I was getting into. At six months statistics say a patient is at 50% recovery and at one year they are at 95%. Some days I feel I am doing great, but there are days when I seem to have gone backwards in my recovery, especially after mowing the lawn. Don't get me wrong, I have no regrets about having this surgery. It is just that I need to me patient in my recovery and need your prayers for complete healing.

We wish to thank all of you for your faithful support and prayers in our service of the Lord.

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March 2014

Dear Prayer Partners,

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 1 Peter 3:15*

**MINISTRY AMONG FILIPINOS** – We thank the Lord for the open invitation we have with a group of Filipinos that meet once a month for Bible study and fellowship around the food. At this particular gathering we were thirty one in attendance, many sitting out of view. Just this past Saturday I had the privilege of teaching the Word of God. Most of these folks attend different local Baptist churches, while many visitors are still attending the Roman Catholic Church. Gradually, with much prayer and perseverance, we try to bring them to a saving faith in Christ.



**CHAPLAIN MINISTRY** – When we first arrived in the Pensacola area I volunteered to be a chaplain at the Baptist Hospital in Gulf Breeze. It has been a blessing as an avenue of serving the Lord and reaching souls for Christ. Recently, while on call, a patient requested to see a minister. As I stood in front of the patient's door, I read the precautions that **MUST BE TAKEN** before entering this patient's room: wash your hands, put on a gown, put on rubber gloves, etc. As I entered the room, there lay a lady in her 50's with some major medical issues. After some chit-chat about her condition I began to witness to her. She had been going to a Pentecostal church earlier in life but had gotten away from God and was blaming God for many problems in her life and relationships. I proceeded to share the Word of God with her and soon found out that she was depending on "good works" to get to heaven. After some time of sharing the scriptures, she bowed her head and prayed to receive Christ as her Saviour. *"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth..."* Luke 15:7

**SHOULDER RECOVERY** – It is now nearly five months since I underwent a total right shoulder replacement surgery. Unfortunately, nearly two and a half months into my recovery, I fell, injuring my right arm, setting me back in my recovery. Outside physical therapy ended two weeks ago, but I still must maintain home exercises to strengthen my shoulder muscles. The head therapist is very pleased with my progress and range of motion thus far. Thank you for your prayers.

We wish to thank all of you for your faithful support and prayers in our service of the Lord.

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