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Reading and Writing in Rizal

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I am Pastor Enrico G. Pillazar from Balayan, Batangas, Philippines. I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior in 1984 and was later baptized on June 7, 1985. Several days after I was baptized, on June 17, 1985, our senior pastor took me to Quezon City to study at a Bible institute. In 1987, after I graduated from the Bible institute, I began to serve the Lord in a mission to the Mangyans in the mountains of Calavite, Occidental Mindoro. In addition to the missions in Batangas and Mindoro, I was also able to help with missions in several other areas of the Philippines. In 1999, by God's grace I married my wife, Elizabeth. The Lord has blessed us with two children, Shekinah Faith and Adams Matthew.

After serving in missions in many different provinces of the Philippines, my family and I are currently serving at Baptist Missionary Mission Southville Montalban in Rodriguez, Rizal. As of July 30, 2021, we will have been serving here for one year.



Currently, we have three Bible studies in different areas, two children's evangelism ministries, and a new children's ministry in the next village where three of our youths who live there teach the children. In our youth department, we encourage them to get engaged in various roles like leading in prayer, being a scripture reader, serving as a song leader or guitarist, or teaching children's Sunday school. In our children's ministry, in addition to teaching them Bible stories and verses, my wife teaches the children how to read and write. I thank the Lord that even through a pandemic we have been able to hold regular Sunday services and prayer meetings, except during quarantines where we were prohibited from meeting in person.

Ministry has been challenging for us since arriving here. Just as with any new location, we must determine the best way to share the gospel. The people in this area have many different beliefs and thoughts about God and how to get to heaven. By God's grace, we pray and trust in His leading as we obey and share the gospel as best as we can. Pray for the believers who follow and serve our Lord Jesus Christ that they will grow as they are disciplined, that they will be able to plant new churches, and that they will be able to conduct Bible studies in the areas where they work. Pray for the gospel to be shared to all those around us.

I thank the Lord and the Baptist Missionary Association (BMA) of America for this wonderful opportunity to share the ministry we have been blessed with here in the Philippines. I hope that all of us will be able to reach more people and plant more churches all over the world so that the gospel is heard by all.

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Children Without a Childhood

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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who continues to show us extraordinary favor. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Baptist Missionary Association (BMA) of America for giving us this opportunity to share our ministry with everyone, for visiting us through BMA teams, and for helping us during the 2020 lockdown. By the grace of God we were able to share some goods with the community in our mission field during the lockdown.

Baptist Missionary Church—Upper Pintor is located in Sitio Pintor, San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal, Philippines. Upper Pintor Church is a daughter church of Baptist Missionary Church—Pilot. The mission church was started in 2015 through a Bible study.

I am Nestor R. Vibas, Jr. I am 27 years old. I serve as a mission worker in Baptist Missionary Church—Upper Pintor under the supervision of Pastor Vincent Ferrer our senior pastor and association church planter. I visit the mission twice a week. I go to the mission Saturday early in the morning and I return home every Sunday after Sunday services are finished.

Upper Pintor is spread around the entrance to Rizal Provincial Sanitary Landfill. The people living here are squatter families, living in shanties made from whatever items they can salvage from the dump. They don't have electricity, water, or sanitation; and the only occupation in this place is scavenging.

Transportation is another problem we face in Upper Pintor. There are times that we need to hitchhike rides on a garbage truck. It is very challenging for us. And because of the lack of transportation, it is very challenging for the children in Upper Pintor to go to school.

Because of these living conditions, nearly all the children in this place have no proper education and teenage pregnancy is very common. The

average age for a girl to get pregnant here is somewhere around thirteen or fourteen years old. These young girls are unprepared for motherhood and rely upon their own mother when they become a mother.

Seeing these situations is heartbreaking; but we have hope that through God's grace they can receive a proper education. Hardly any child can enjoy their childhood. Starting at a young age, children babysit their younger brothers and sisters because their parents need to scavenge in the dumpsite. Other children help their parents collect junk materials. Because of this, these children can't go to school to study or play.

Our mission, by the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, is to share the love of God through His Word with the people of Upper Pintor. We strive to help them to dream big and to finish their studies. And we pray for them to be successful followers of God someday.

Every Saturday morning, we host a children and young teens fellowship. The children's fellowship is for children ages five through twelve. We begin with a greeting, followed by prayer, songs, games, a Bible story, activity, more songs, and a closing prayer. The young teen's fellowship is for teenagers from thirteen to sixteen years old. This fellowship also begins with a greeting, followed by singing, Bible study, and a closing song. During the Bible study portion, we teach them Bible principles and we provide godly advice to help them to dream big.

Our Sunday services begin at 9:30 in the morning.

Our dream is to continue serving the Lord in this place and to share the gospel with everyone. We want the children in this place to be able to go to school and to be faithful followers of God.

Please pray for the people of Upper Pintor. Pray that they can be free from poverty; pray that they can go to school; and most of all pray for more souls to be saved in this place. God bless us all.



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A CHALLENGE TO COMMIT TO MISSIONS PHILIPPINES

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The Bible clearly commands us as Christians to do missions. Jesus said in Matthew 28:19-20, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.” In response to Christ’s command, God impressed upon my heart the desire to commit to missions. I am currently working on a mission here in Leyte in Tigbawan, Maasin City.

Barangay Tigbawan is home to the mission work. It began as a children’s outreach program during the late 1990s. This work was continued through the years by different pastors. For several years Bible studies had been done in Tigbawan as pastors from neighbouring churches came to visit and help the ministry. Those who benefited from the children’s outreach program were encouraged to join in the Bible studies with their whole family. This served as a way to bring people to God. From its inception in 1998 until 2018 no regular Sunday church services were held due to a lack of workers. This changed in January of 2019.

My name is Alfred Suico, Jr. I am a sinner saved by grace and called by the Lord to serve Him as a missionary here in Tigbawan. God used missionary Stan Scroggins to encourage me and to plant a vision and desire in my heart to do missions. I came here on January 4, 2019, and am currently serving as the missionary pastor of New Testament Tigbawan Baptist Mission.

When I first started the work here in 2019, I initially came to serve just for the first four months. However, God had other plans for me. His Spirit worked quickly and efficiently on the people here, and I saw 19 people baptized that same year. God wasn’t done yet though. He used our sister church, New Testament Baptist Church in Sullivan, Missouri, to provide for roofing renovations on our church building. God has blessed the people here in Tigbawan. We celebrated our first mission anniversary and held a thanksgiving celebration on December 22, 2019. What began as a short-term missions project has continued for the past two years for me.

We are still working to make progress on our church building, using the little that we have and relying on God’s provision. In 2020, we saw God work in more lives. The initial 19 people who were baptized invited

others to church and won more for Jesus. As a result, we now have many people who are interested in Christ attending our church. During 2021, despite the Covid-19 pandemic, God is still moving and making ways for the church to grow through our discipleship program. This program is geared toward candidates for baptism. Our building also continues to see improvements due to God’s provision.

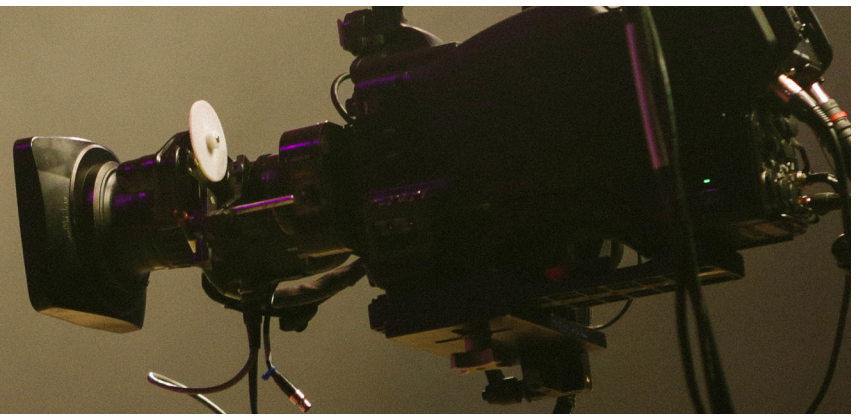
Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless the mission work, the people, and also the workers of God. This coming December 22, 2021, we will be celebrating our third mission anniversary. At the same time, we will hold our Thanksgiving celebration. We are also hoping to finish putting tiles on our building. We covet your prayers for the mission work here in Tigbawan. I also want to personally extend my gratitude to Baptist Missionary Association (BMA) Missions for their support and love, and for their partnership in the mission.

Acts 20:24 says, “But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.” Mission work is tough, especially for a young missionary (I am only 23 years old). But it is not impossible because we have a God who works the impossible.

I want to finish with a challenge to anyone who might be reading this. Let us go for God. Committing to missions is hard; Christ did not promise us a life free from troubles. However, in the middle of trials, He is there to help us through them. Will you be like the prophet Isaiah who responded to God’s call? “Here I am, send me.”

If you want to read more updates for the mission work here, you can add me on Facebook (Alfred Jay-R Suico) or like our Facebook page (New Testament Tigbawan Baptist Mission). Be our prayer partners in the ministry. To God be all the glory!





LIFEWORLD **SUNDAY** ALLOWS *Lifeworld* TO *Reach* THE *World*

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70,000 people who live in groups unreached by the gospel die every day. Let that sink in for just a second. 70,000 souls lost to eternity. The thought is really overwhelming, isn't it? Millions of people entering eternity without the Savior. Millions destined to spend eternity tormented without ever having the opportunity to hear the saving message of Jesus. When we live in a day of such incredible communication opportunities the thought that anyone would die without having the opportunity to hear is a scandal of immeasurable proportions.

October 24, 2021 is Lifeworld Sunday across the BMA. It is the one day of the year when Lifeworld asks the church's of our Association to take special time to pray for the ministry of Lifeworld and to give so that others can know The Savior.

Lifeworld is determined to answer the call of the Master. He very last words to His followers before He ascended to the Father were, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8.

Jesus met with all kinds of people during His ministry. He encountered Jewish people, Gentiles, Roman soldiers, prostitutes, tax collectors, men, women, couples, families, people possessed by demons, people with horrible diseases, and the list could go on. The ends of the earth to Jesus meant people. All people. People dealing with all sorts of hang ups.

Lifeworld is reaching out to people all around the world. In fact, today Lifeworld offers a gospel presentation in over 130 languages spoken around the world. Our goal is to be at 200 languages within the next five years and

we are well on our way to reaching that goal. But more than just speaking into the heart language of people, Lifeworld is interested in speaking their cultural language as well.

Through the use of social media, today's version of the town hall, Lifeworld is presenting the gospel right where people are living. With roughly 2.89 billion users monthly, Facebook is the biggest social media network in the world. In fact, if Facebook were a country it would be the largest country on the planet. During the first quarter of 2021, the company reported that 3.51 billion people were using at least one of the company's core products, WhatsApp, Instagram or Messenger each month.

Lifeworld is leveraging the power and reach of social media to speak to people in their cultural language.

When radio was the primary source of information for the world and the best way to use media to reach the people of world, Lifeworld was primarily a radio ministry. Today video has become essential. So, Lifeworld has shifted gears and made video along with radio a primary communication tool. Through various programs in English and Spanish Lifeworld is reaching into the cultures of America through video, radio and social media. We are expanding our video studios in Conway to produce more video content to impact different English speaking demographics. And we are training media missionaries around the world to use video and audio to reach their own people as well.

A great Lifeworld Sunday response from BMA churches is essential to the success of the ministry of Lifeworld. On October 24, Lifeworld is asking each church in the BMA to give a one time special offering so that others can hear the message of salvation. To register for Lifeworld Sunday visit us at www.lifeworld.org/lifeworldsunday. There you will also find a promotional video to show to your church family, bulletin inserts and Lifeworld Tshirts to help your church family celebrate the day.



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