

THE BERREY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

WHAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR

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RECENT EVENTS

The last few months since our last prayer letter have been packed with many evangelistic and ministry activities, including these recent major events:

- BJMBC's PRISM Conference and Building Dedication, with excellent attendance from all over the Philippines and Asia.
- Winning the War to Walk Worthy, a weekend mini-conference on the Armor of God.
- BJMBC's Footsteps of John and Paul Study Tour to Turkey and Greece.
- A weekend trip to Ilocos Norte to scout a potential new venue for our CEP Master's Classes.

WHAT ARE WE ESPECIALLY THANKFUL FOR?

Thanksgiving gave us opportunity to reflect with gratitude on God's goodness to us and to the ministry at BJMBC. It is, first of all, a privilege to have a part in the ministry here. It is a privilege to teach the students, interact with them on a more personal basis, and be in their churches on weekends as time permits. We have about 100 students who enrolled this semester (which began on November 6), including some who have returned after long absences from BJMBC. Our master's program has seen recent, significant growth at the same time that we have expanded opportunities for students to earn Bachelor's degrees, with a new Bachelor of Ministry available to both men and women. The ultimate goal, of course, is not to provide more degrees, but more opportunities for students to gain skills in rightly dividing the Word and effectively ministering to those around them.

We are also grateful for those who have taken what they learned at BJMBC and are even now putting it to work in local church ministry. One graduate with a heart for evangelism recently expressed his desire to do more to partner with Filipino missionaries for the cause of world missions. Another is really feeding his people God's words as week by week he exegetes through various books of the Bible. Still another graduate is seeing people exposed to truth and saved in a country closed to traditional missions. These are but the fringes of what God is doing through BJMBC graduates. They are our glory and joy (1 Thess. 2:20).

We are grateful for the Lord's provision for the BJMBC building and the ongoing work that is bringing the building ever nearer to completion. The building is up structurally but we have a tedious checklist of specific requirements to complete before City Hall will consider our request for the Occupancy Permit. Miraculously, we only need about \$60,000 in order to functionally get us into the building and pay upcoming bills. Every bill though, to this point, has been paid on time.

Know Jesus. Follow Jesus. Be transformed by Jesus.



We are also grateful for every way in which the gospel is going out through our family. Just last week I had the privilege of giving the gospel to a couple of people in a nearby hospital. Our older children still oversee a weekly Bible club every Saturday and help in bringing some of those children to church on Sundays. In addition, Susanna and Tim Jr. (our two oldest) recently spearheaded starting a Bible basketball ministry, targeted at reaching teenage men with the gospel. Daniel, one of our six-year-old twins, wanted on his own initiative to take some tracts to the mall with us the other day. It was a joy to help him pass out every tract he brought!

Matters for Prayer

- Final provision for the BJMBC building and timely accomplishment of all requirements for the Occupancy Permit.
- That our students would internalize what they hear from God's Word and be doers of it.
- Increased boldness in evangelistic opportunities.
- Wisdom for our family that we and our children would always and only approve things that are excellent (Phil. 1:9-11).



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