

Before I begin our final report on the 6 church building projects we completed in the Philippines this year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your prayers and financial sacrifices that have enabled us to do so much year after year. It is hard to phantom all that God has done and continues to do. Thank you for standing with us in prayer and making your finances available to move God's Kingdom work forward.

Vicky, Sarah, Daniel and I wish you a blessed holiday season filled with the assurance of God's unending love for you, the richness of the grace of our Lord Jesus in knowing that you walk every day in His favor without having to earn it, and the overflowing abiding presence of The Holy Spirit to direct your steps, heal your wounds, and give you comfort and peace each and every day. **Blessings! & Merry Christmas!** 

The first of these last two churches lies just a few kilometers outside of Cabadbaran where Pastor Philip Gonzales' ministry is located. The land for this church was donated by Philip's sister who lives in the USA but who has a heart for the work on Mindanao.

For some time there was a shell of a building sitting unfinished and beginning to show signs of decay as nature was beginning to have



its way. The intended pastor of this work is a dear sister, Marianita Senoc, a convert of Philip's father's ministry many years earlier. She had been trained by Philip's father and served in ministry as a part of



Philip's work. Pictured here with me and her husband, she especially has a heart for children which was very evident in the number of youth who attended the



try on the platform the younger kids were already in the aisle trying to learn the steps. Later, I shared



with some of the older teens the importance of realizing that they are role models to the younger ones who want

to be like them.

As in each of the other churches, I anointed the hands of everyone who would lay hands on the building and pray, and we set our hearts to thank God



for this facility and that it would be used to draw men, women, and children to Him. It was exciting to see the children earnestly praying, as some adults watched over



them.

Victory Christian Assembly is off to a great start and looks to have an exciting future in the making.

Because some of the 5 churches had made some progress prior to our providing the additional funds needed

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to complete their projects we were able to do an additional full build out of a new work in a very special





location. There are no roads to Tinigbasan except by sea via motorized outrigger canoe. It lies in a picturesque location with a million dollar

view, to say the least.

Pictured here are Romeo Pollescas and Elenita Orcullo. Elenita was the only Christian in her village and very much wanted her village to know the Lord. So she sought to find a place where a church could be built and then to seek help in providing a church building for her village. However, no one would sell land for a church. After much prayer, she felt the only thing to do was to offer the land in front of her humble home. Once assured of her commitment we sent Romeo, a CTC graduate and now pastor of **Agape Tinigbasan** 

Christian Assembly which sits, in part, on what was Elenita's front porch, with other CTC students to help build the only church in the whole area.



The church —Elenita's home



To celebrate the grand opening they roasted a pig, and invited several officials who came to encourage the village. We dedicated area youth in God's service, anointed the

building in prayer, and installed Romeo as pastor.

Having been there and seeing the nat-

ural beauty it is hard to imagine anyone making such a sacrifice. In the gospel of Mark we read the story of Mary breaking open her alabas-



ter box of perfume and anointing Jesus. That perfume is estimated to have been worth a year's wages at that time, definitely a great sacrifice. The story says that the odor of the perfume filled the house. I have no doubt that the odor of the sacrifice Elenita made filled the



heavenly temple with sweet fragrance. The situation begs the question: "If you were to bring a sacrificial offering to the Lord, what would be in your alabaster

box?" Would it fill the temple with sweet odor?

**Praise the Lord**, last month I had opportunity to raise some funds and now we are only about **\$3500 short** of building Pastor Francis a church in Malawi; also a gift of **\$10,000** came in to help with the translation work for CTC online. **NOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFER-ENCE:** CTC in Myanmar balance: **\$22K**; CTC online in Chidziwitso for Malawi & Mozambique: **\$10K**. CTC in **AR-ABIC** approximately **\$15K**. Sponsor a CTC student for **\$600** we have over 1400 and could really use some help! **CTC is now available ONLINE in English. Earn an accredited Associate of Biblical Studies degree; contact RevC to register or for more information!** 727-494-7412 You are in my prayers, please stand with us! We are blessed to be a blessing! Releasing His blessing on you! **TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!** 

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