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"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever" - Psalm 107:1



CHURCH DEDICATION

After about 5 months of construction we were finally ready to move into our new church building. As we were making preparations to have our first Sunday in the new facility one of the guys asked if Pastor Clark Van Wick from Calvary Chapel Bible Fellowship could come over and dedicate the new sanctuary for us. Pastor Clark has been on the radio here for over 4 years and everyone really enjoys the teaching. It seemed like an impossible idea - even the guys who asked assumed the answer would be no. Everyone figured Pastor Clark would be too busy to fly half way around the world to attend a Sunday service here. Be careful what you ask for - a couple of emails later it turned out he was indeed able to fly over and spend a couple of days with us and dedicate our new church building!

Pastor Clark flew in on a Saturday morning and by that afternoon he was in Himamaylan helping sling mud to make

a road as part of the finishing touches for our first Sunday morning service in the new building. Rain is part of life in the Philippines - but I can count on one hand the number of times it has rained on a Sunday morning. The weekend we dedicated the church was one of those days - in fact it rained for almost 4 days straight. It made for a very wet first Sunday service. In spite of the deluge the church showed up with a smile on their face (*and umbrellas in their hands*) ready to worship the Lord!

The timing worked out so that not only was it the dedication of the new buildings - it was also our 5 year church anniversary! Needless to say we had quite the celebration. The youth led worship - then after an amazing teaching by Pastor Clark from **II Timothy** - the whole church took a moment to give thanks for all the Lord has been doing in our lives. Pastor Clark then dedicated the buildings (*sanctuary and Children's ministry*) after which everyone sat down to enjoy a huge feast people from the church brought to celebrate!

PRAYER REQUESTS...

- Bible Studies taught by men in the church
- Raising up pastors - transition the church
- High school students / Youth group
- The people to be open to Jesus!
- Story of Jesus outreach - 25,000 copies!
- The radio - Franchise / new repeater
- Marriage - closer to Jesus / each other
- Flexibility and humility - be full of Jesus!





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