

JUNE 2011

“Therefore we were buried with Him through Baptism...” ~ Romans 6:4

CHURCH BAPTISM & PICNIC...

We loaded the church (*about 100 of us*) into couple of vehicles and headed out to the local beach. It was quite the sight. About 50 of us were all standing in the back of a sugar cane truck. When we got to the beach the Lord blessed us with a perfect day. We shared some great food and after lunch had a short teaching on Baptism. We went to **Romans 6:4** for the real meaning of Baptism - the outward confession of the change that has taken place inside when you believe in Jesus! Buried with Him in Baptism (*dunked in the water*) raised up in newness of life - **II Corinthians 5:17**.

There was quite the crowd at the beach because it was the last Sunday before the start of the school year and everyone was there for one last outing. It was not particularly a good crowd, there was a lot of partying, very loud music, and familiar faces that intimidated a lot of the folks from the church. But after prayer, worship, and the Word (*as well as politely asking our neighbor to turn down their disco music*) we were blessed to get a chance to share the Gospel with the whole crowd. Then in front of the whole group go out in the water to baptize anyone who wanted to confess their faith in Jesus!

This was our third church baptism. We have been blessed over the past two years to 'dunk' about 60 people. We were not sure if anyone else wanted to be baptized - but there were several new families in the church. To our surprise we had about 20 people come out to be 'dipped'! There were even a several who were not from the church, they had just been listening in the crowds. What a blessing! Young and old alike all came out to say that they had given their lives to Jesus and they wanted everyone to see it!

MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2011...

Calvary Chapel Bible Fellowship will be hosting their bi-annual mission conference July 24th - 29th. Our plan is to be in Temecula, California for about three weeks - from July 15th - August 3rd. Then we will head off to New York to visit family for another four weeks returning to the Philippines September 2nd. If you would like to get together with us while we are in the U.S. please contact us soon. We want to be wise with the limited time we have in the States. We would love to see you all so we are trying to plan our schedule there very carefully.

We have been praying since the first day we began the church the Lord would raise up men to teach His Word! While we are in the States several of the men from the church will be helping to cover the teaching! Bembem (*the children's ministry pastor*) will be teaching at the local high school and the local Bible College. The men from the discipleship class - Amado, Atong, Dandan, and Nonoy - will be teaching the men's ministry. Roger Bates from Bible Fellowship will be teaching the three mid-week studies as he goes through the Book of James. Jen has asked several of the ladies in the fellowship to teach the women's study. The Sunday morning teachings will be taught by several local guest speakers and Doug Macrae from Bible Fellowship who will be here for 2 weeks. Please be in prayer for all those who are teaching as for many of them it will be a new and stretching experience. We are REALLY excited to see how the Lord will use this opportunity in their lives and in the church!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- The Bible Studies - for the Word to change lives
- Upcoming events - Radio meeting with local pastors
- For a trip back to the States this summer for a conference
- The people in the Bukid (*mountain*) - to be open to Jesus!
- Strength for those families who are standing up for Jesus!
- The radio - favor with the 'franchise' - and the NTC
- Roger - the Lord would bless his time here
- Our marriage - grow closer to Jesus & each other
- Still praying for God to give us a 'Baby Hinchey'...
- Flexibility and humility - we would be full of Jesus!





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