



DECEMBER 2022 - CHURCH NEWSLETTER

SMALL THINGS

"Do not despise the day of small things..." - **Zechariah 4:10**. As believers we have a desire to be used by the Lord. We want God to do GREAT things with our lives. Yet more often than not when we step out to serve - we end up doing SMALL things. It can be easy to doubt and wonder if we really are having an impact on the Kingdom of God. Does what we do REALLY matter?

Fourteen years ago Jen and I started a SMALL Bible study with a group of farmers under a grass roofed chicken barn. The pulpit was just a stump that we dug into the ground - and the pews were bamboo benches that we strapped together. From those humble origins the church in Himamaylan has grown and blossomed into a true light to the whole community around it.

We were blessed this past month to be invited down again to guest speak for their Thanksgiving and Anniversary.

Pastor Bem put together an amazing event to celebrate the occasion. There was an abundant amount food - including ice-cream and cotton candy for the kids [the adults enjoyed it just as much]. We even had a spectacular fireworks display to end the night.

But the greatest joy of all was seeing so many whom we have known over the years - grow up and become strong in their walk with the Lord. The blessing of seeing kids we used to teach in Sunday school - now grown adults who lead the worship in the Sanctuary. SMALL things are like seeds planted in the ground. They may not seem like much - but given time the Lord can make them grow and become exceedingly - abundantly - above all we could ask or imagine - **Ephesians 3:20!**



THANKSGIVING

We have so much to give THANKS for this year. For an amazing FAMILY who are always an inspiration to us. For a loving CHURCH that we are so blessed to serve with. For faithful FRIENDS who celebrate with us in the good times - and encourage us in the hard ones. I suppose what we are trying to say is - what we are most THANKFUL for is YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS
is all about
Jesus



Worship and Communion - This Wednesday we will have our monthly Night of Worship and Communion [6pm @ Elisha Center]. Bring a dish to share. Eric Sajo will be sharing the devotion as we worship together and remember the sacrifice of our Lord.

Bukid Lights Next Sunday the CBF worship



team will be putting on a concert at Simbahan sa Bukid in Himamaylan. It will be part of their kick off celebration for the Christmas season. After the concert they will turn on their Christmas light display with over 25,000 lights! There will also be games and food for the whole family to enjoy!



Christmas Party - Sunday - December 18 we will have our annual Christmas party celebrating the Birth of Jesus [10am @ Elisha Center]. There will be Christmas worship and a special message - followed



by lunch [bring a dish to share] and celebrate with some fun Christmas games!

Prophecy Update - Wednesday - January 4 - we will have a special service. To say that we are living in interesting times would be an understatement. With wars and rumors of wars all around us we are left to wonder what it all means. What does the Bible have to say about

the times we are living in? Do recent events speak to the imminent return of Jesus? Come out as we get into the Word and look at our world through the lens of the Scriptures!

Women's Bible Study -

Ladies - do not forget to come out for the Women's Breakfast tomorrow @8am [Margies]. You do not want to miss this opportunity to fellowship with other women from the church!



Womens Bible Study



Mens Breakfast

Mens Bible Study - It was great to get together with the Men for breakfast this past week. Lord willing we will be doing more events like this to encourage the Men to build relationships! We also have the Mens fellowship every Friday nights at 8:30pm [online]!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 8:30am - First Service [and online] - Book of 1 John
- Sunday 10am - Second service - Book of 1 John
- Second Sunday - 4pm - Youth Bible Study
- Tuesday 5:30pm - Women's study in John @ Hinchey House
- Tuesday 5pm - Book of Psalms @ Elisha Center
- Wednesday 6:30pm - Book of Psalms @ Upper Room
- Friday 8:30pm - Mens Bible Study @online

WATCH ON YOUTUBE

The church has a YouTube channel. You can search for it under "Bible Fellowship Bacolod". Both the Old and New Testament weekly teachings are posted there along with an archive of previous content.



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