



Calvary Bible Fellowship

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JAPAN TO THE PHILIPPINES

We were blessed to have a team of twenty one missionaries come from Calvary Chapel Iwakuni, Japan to do a week of ministry here in Negros. They began by distributing over a thousand Christmas Shoe boxes in the several of the schools around Simbahan sa Bukid. They then went back into those same schools over the next few days doing a Vacation Bible School to teach those same kids all about the love of Jesus!

For most of the team this was their first time in the Philippines. We wanted them to experience life in the mountain, so on one of the nights we gave them a chicken [still alive], a kilo of rice, and a translator and sent them off into the homes of some of the families from the church. A few of them prophetically named their chicken [adobo], as they had the opportunity to prepare a meal from scratch as they got to know the people!

They also put on a sport camp for the youth from the church. They had basketball, nine square, pickle ball, dodgebee [dodge ball with frisbees], corn hole, and archery! Then the next day they took those same kids to Mag-Aso [jungle falls] and spent the day sharing their testimonies. We finished up the day by having a baptism where several of the youth stood up and made public profession of their faith in Jesus!

That night the team got to enjoy a lechon [whole roasted pig], followed by a bonfire and smores...

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RESURRECTION

Anyone who has ever been on a missions trip to the church here knows about the blue jeep. It has been picking up people for church, and transporting missionaries [always on top], for almost 20 years. It was mostly held together mostly by rust and lots of prayer, that was until it was reborn! As proof there is a resurrection the blue jeep as been given a whole new body, but do not worry, it is still blue!



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"Continuing daily with one accord...[they were] praising God and [had] favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved!" - Acts 2:46-47

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... that Pastor Bern "lit" with a around a gallon of diesel fuel, followed by an amazing fireworks display that lit up the whole mountain!

On Sunday, the team did dual church services. In the morning Pastor Glenn taught at Simbahan sa Bukid. Before saying goodbye we gave out more Christmas Shoe boxes to the whole church! Then later that night there was a second service at Calvary Bible Fellowship in Bacolod. We finished up the night with a huge Potbless and handed out the last of the Christmas boxes to the youth and the kids there.

On Monday, after an amazing final VBS at Trinity Christian School where we were able to share about the Joy of Jesus with over 200 students, we had a final get together at Splash Park. It was supposed to be just a fun last night with the team as we enjoyed the water park, some good food, and final fellowship before sending them back home. God had a different plan.

When the Lord called Philip to go into the Judean Desert, he shared the Gospel with an Ethiopian Eunuch, who when they just happened to pass by some water [in the dessert] asked if he could be baptized. The lesson is if you happen to be near water ask if anyone wants to make a profession of faith in Jesus. Since we were at a water park, we decided to open up and ask!

There was a young man named Israel who stood up and said he wanted to go into the water. We have known Israel since he was a baby and it was incredibly special to see him



publicly declare his faith in Jesus. To be honest I assumed he might be the only one, but then it happened, one after another people started to come down into the pool. They were all weeping [tears of joy] as the Lord was moving them to take a stand for Him! Many of them were family and friends whom we had been praying about for many years.

All because of a group of strangers [most we did not know before this trip] who came from Japan. Because one young man stood up and was willing to walk into the water and say he believed in Jesus. Because the family of God is about how God can take a diversity of people from all over the world and make them family!



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am - Book of Acts @CBF
- Second Tuesday 6pm - Pastoral Epistles @Elisha Center
- Wednesday 6pm - Song of Solomon @CBF
- First Wednesday 6pm - Worship & Devotion Night
- Second Thursday 6pm - Revelation @Network Silay
- Friday Study 6pm - Men's - Women's - Youth Study

