



Calvary Bible Fellowship



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LIVING HOPE

People put their hope in many things. They put their hope in pieces of colorful paper, in elections [hoping a specific candidate will help them] or in religions that claim to lead to God. But money has no life, people fail, and religions lack the power to save. This is where the Gospel differs from all other answers. Only in Jesus do we have a **Living Hope** [1 Peter 1:3]. It is "living" because although Jesus was crucified, He rose again three days later, giving us the confidence that we have eternal life through faith in Him!

Our hope includes an **inheritance**. When relatives pass away, they sometimes leave their worldly possessions to their loved ones. However, when Christ died, He gave us something far better than money that quickly runs out: He gave us the promise of His Kingdom! One day, we will even sit with Him upon His throne [Revelation 3:21].

In light of our Living Hope and the incredible inheritance waiting for us, we can find a reason to smile regardless of what we face today. We know that any trial we encounter is only **momentary**; the Lord allows these challenges to test our faith. He does not do this because He needs to find out what is inside us - He already knows - but because He wants us to see what is in our hearts. He is refining us so that we may become more like Jesus!

MOUNT CANLAON

When the typhoon hit last November, Bacolod was spared much of the damage; however, many communities surrounding the **Mount Canlaon** volcano were devastated. Because the volcano has erupted regularly over the past few years, torrential rains from the typhoon mixed with the accumulated ash fall, triggering catastrophic mudslides (**lahars**). These terrifying streams of mud, filled with boulders the size of cars, cascaded down the mountain, wiping out houses in their path.

Immediately after the storm, we made several trips to deliver emergency supplies to those affected. Last month, we transitioned to a long-term project: **rebuilding lost homes**. One of those homes belongs to **Ate Nally**, a widow who cares for her special-needs grandson and works in the fields harvesting vegetables to provide for her family. Her house was severely damaged by the typhoon, leaving it in a precarious state. A team of around thirty people from **Calvary Bible Fellowship** gathered to dismantle the remains of her old home. As the rotten wood and rusty tin roof came down, Ate Nally began to cry. When we asked her why, she told us they were tears of joy! She could not believe the Lord was blessing her with a brand-new house. Over the past month, our crew has been hard at work building a safe, new place that she and her family can finally call home!





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UPCOMING EVENTS

"You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here."

- Mark 16:6

Worship Workshop -

Calling all current and aspiring worship team members! We will have Worship Ministry Summer Workshops on April 11, 18, 25, and May 2. We will have training for keyboard, guitar, drums, bass, and vocals. Whether you are new to the ministry or already serving, this workshop is designed to help you grow musically and spiritually as part of the worship team. If you have not already signed up you are welcome to come out on Saturday to get more information!



Youth Camp - April 21-25. A team from Japan will be coming to put on a camp in Himamaylan for ages 10-18. We will be exploring the book of Revelation, discovering who Jesus is and what God's plan is for the future. It will be a great time of Bible teaching, games, worship, and fellowship. If you have kids or teens they do not want to miss it - sign up now as space is limited.

Christmas Shoe Boxes - Saturday April 25 - Is there anything quite as priceless as the smile on a young child's face when they realize God loves them? That is what the Christmas shoe box outreach is all about! As we partner with various churches from all over



Ate Nally's old house



Building the new house

the world to distribute over 1000 gifts to kids in communities in Himamaylan. There will be a sign up on the Church Messenger page for those interested in going!

Japan Team - A team of 31 people from Calvary Chapel in Iwakuni, Japan will come to help with the Summer Camp.

- **Sunday - April 26**, we will have a special

afternoon church service followed by a potluck dinner for us to get to know the team!

- **Monday - April 27**, we will have a special lunch outreach for our homeless neighbors around the church. We will then finish up the day with a family outing and baptism at Splash Park!

New Service times - On May 3 we will be shifting the service times for Sunday morning. The new times will be 9am and 11am. Both services will have Children's and Youth ministry. The reason for the shift is to try and balance out the attendance as we are starting to run out of room.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am - Book of Acts
- Second Tuesday 6pm - Book of Matthew
- Wednesday 6pm - Book of Isaiah
- First Wednesday 6pm - Worship & Devotion
- Thursday 8am - Inductive Bible Study [online]
- Second Thursday 6pm - Revelation
- Friday Study 6pm - Men - Women - Youth

