



Calvary Bible Fellowship

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VICTORIOUS LIVING

Worship, study God's Word, share with one another, and be reminded that none of us walks through the struggles of life alone. The theme verse was 1 Corinthians 15:57 - "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." That really captures the heart of victorious living. Victory is not something we manufacture by trying harder. It is something God gives us through Jesus Christ.

So often, the struggle is not knowing what we should do. We know we should forgive. We know we should pray, trust the Lord, guard our thoughts, read His Word, and walk in love. We may even genuinely desire to do those things. Yet knowing what is right does not automatically give us the strength to do it. That is where the battle becomes very real.

Rules can show us what is right, but they cannot change our hearts. Determination can carry us for a little while, but eventually our own strength runs out. The answer is not simply more information or more effort, rather what can help us, or better said Who? The answer is Jesus Christ. He is the One who changes our hearts, shapes our desires, and gives us the power to live differently.

It was encouraging to see the ladies pray together, laugh together, listen to one another, and strengthen one another in their walk with the Lord. Victorious living is not pretending the battle is not there—it is learning to depend on Jesus in the middle of it, and helping one another do the same.



BUILDING UPDATE

As we shared in our last newsletter, the Lord opened the door for us to rent all three floors of our building. At first, we were not exactly sure how we would use all of the additional space - but it did not take long for opportunities to begin opening up. We are currently preparing the first floor and plan to have it cleaned up and ready for our upcoming Group Wedding on September 12. Then, at the end of October, we will have the privilege of hosting the regional Calvary Chapel Conference. It has been exciting to see how quickly the Lord has begun giving us ways to use the space He provided. We are also working on making the church easier to find. New church signs have been made for the front of the building and should be installed within the next couple of weeks. And now that we have the entire building, we will also add reserved parking signs for the spaces directly in front of the church. There is still plenty of work ahead, but we are thankful for what the Lord has already provided and excited to see how He will use this additional space, the upcoming events, and the increased visibility to reach and serve our community!



Anthony and Hyacinth - We have known Pastor Anthony and

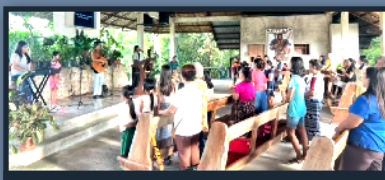
Hyacinth for the better part of twenty-five years. They have wanted to visit the Philippines for a long time, but the opportunity had never quite come together. That made it all the more special when they were finally able to visit last month and spend time with us both here in Bacolod and at the church in Himamaylan.

We were blessed to have Pastor Anthony share about the ministry and work the Lord is doing in India during our Sunday service in Bacolod, as well as teach in Himamaylan. He was also able to share the Gospel with around 800 students at several local elementary schools.

The children especially enjoyed asking him questions about life in India and were surprised to discover that his favorite food was also fish and rice! One of the highlights was hearing Pastor Anthony sing a song in Malayalam, his local language. It was a simple but beautiful reminder that while our cultures and languages may be different, Jesus is the same in every language and every nation.



School Outreach



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Calvary Chapel Tagaytay - When we attended the Calvary Chapel

Asia Conference in Chiang Mai last year, we had the opportunity to meet the pastor of Calvary Chapel Tagaytay. He invited us to come and teach at the Bible college there. It took almost a year for our schedules to finally line up, but last month we were blessed to spend a week with them. Our dear friends Arthur and Emily, from California, also graciously opened their home to us while we were there.



Calvary Chapel Tagaytay

Shortly after arriving I began talking with Pastor Tony about the importance of studying the Bible in its original languages - Greek and Hebrew. We all have Bible translations that we prefer, but every translation is limited to some degree by the language into which it is being translated.

One way to picture it is a room with several windows but no door. Each window gives you a slightly different view of what is inside the room. In much the same way, each Bible translation gives us a slightly different perspective on the original Greek or Hebrew text. But if we can learn how to work with the original languages, it is like being able to step inside the room and see the text more clearly for ourselves.

That idea got Pastor Tony excited! We spent the week giving the Bible college students an introduction to Greek and Hebrew, showing them how to use free study tools from Blue Letter Bible to begin looking at the vocabulary and grammar behind the English text, not simply comparing translations but beginning the journey of understanding the languages in which the Scriptures were originally written!



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am - Book of Romans
- 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