

Independent Baptist Missionaries to Taguig City, Philippines sent by Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Brogue, PA

## Praise Reports:

1. Praise God for a short furlough. Please pray that the Lord would allow us to test negative on all four of our swab tests, and that we have a safe journey back to the USA.
2. Praise the Lord for faithful and committed workers and members. Although the devil through COVID and Antichrist Government mandates prohibit religious gatherings, our church services continue without fail. However, the restrictions have certainly limited our outreach ministries and children's ministries. Even in our absence, the work will continue. PRAISE GOD indeed.
3. Praise God for the genuine and sacrificial generosity of our sending church. They will see to it that we will be able to fly back and have a place to stay for the duration of our leave of absence. They have demonstrated over and over again their love, support, and patience with us as their missionaries.
4. Praise the Lord that I will get the privilege to continue teaching and preaching via livestream to our people here in the Philippines for their Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible study.

## Prayer Requests:

- ⇒ Please pray for protection. Our people will continue to assemble for church on Sundays despite the pandemic and prohibitions. Please pray that they don't get sick but if they do, that they would know to quarantine, get well, and get back to the Lord's house.
- ⇒ We are thankful to God that many things have taken place enabling us to leave in good conscience: including the headlines that the government will no longer impose another "hard" lockdown. Though we do not trust the media's report nor the government, we can be thankful that for now things are "opening" back up again though it is incremental and very slow.



Marcia and I had to practice "social distancing" while visiting the Immigration Office. Uhm, we are married, you know!

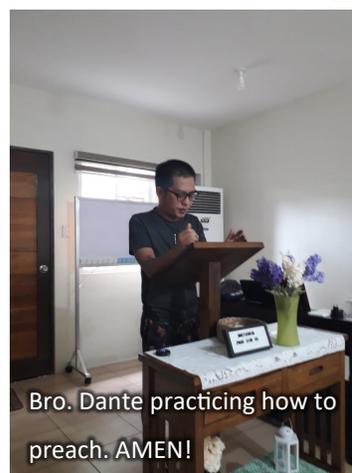
Since Marcia holds a permanent residence visa, she is allowed to leave the Philippines for not more than one year. Part of this includes a reciprocity fee, emigration clearance certificate fee, head tax fee, and legal research fee. This is a mere administrative formality.

**The face shield** is a reality in the Philippines. Only in the Philippines are people required to wear the face shield on top of the face mask. The Senate probed for a reason as to why the government mandated such practice and found out that the Department of Health procured billions of pesos worth of protective gear including the face shields. Therefore, in order to gain what was lost by way of "overpriced purchases," every one is required to wear the face shield. It's about the money, not about the science. BTW, the COVID cases in the country continues to spike despite the requirements of wearing the face shield and mask.

Praise God that **Pastor Joy Veloria** and others have indicated that they are able and willing to help fill in for me to ensure that the preaching and teaching of God's Word continues every week.



Pray for Pastor Veloria and his family (Sis. Rosemarie and daughter Julia) - for strength, wisdom, protection, & health.



Bro. Dante practicing how to preach. AMEN!

**Brother Dante Apolinar Jr.** will be delivering God's Word to our assembly in the afternoon service on Sunday, Aug. 29. This will be his first time preaching and teaching God's Word. We are excited for him. We spent some considerable time going over the various aspects of preaching. He has demonstrated an aptness to teach, and I am confident that he will be a blessing to us in the Word. I look forward to seeing how God will use him as he seeks to please God in his life.

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During our short furlough, please send us your mail via our sending church's mailing address. Thank you!  
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### Relevant Dates and Info:

Bill (01/10) & Marcia (09/30)  
Anniversary (06/15/04)  
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