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*“For the Sake of His Call..
Serving God Together in Love*

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Your TCM Missionaries in South Africa

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Award Flights

Northwest Airlines awarded us with free flights. So, in March 21, a week after our arrival in the Philippines, we decided to make a trip to Hongkong. Last December 3, 2008, we reached our third wedding anniversary but we have not really “celebrated” it. So, even it was 3 months late we thought it would be good to spend time together as both of us worked really hard in our mission field.

The Lord has prepared our way to Hongkong. Aside from giving us free tickets, He also prepared us free accommodation through the initiative



of a grace believer and graduate of TCM’s Bible School in the Philippines. She works there but had a chance to tour us around and guide us to some fascinating spots in Hongkong. On Sunday, she brought us to a Filipino church where we had a wonderful time fellowshiping and encouraging one another. We also knew other grace believers there from Philippines but we were not able to contact them. We encouraged our Bible woman to search and meet these believers. Maybe, if they are willing, they could start a Bible study group. Hongkong is another mission field waiting for harvesters.

PRAISES & PRAYERS

- We praise the Lord for His abounding grace and sufficient provision during our speaking schedules.
- Please pray for Sheba’s safe delivery. She will be on her 39th week on July 23. Though she is due on August 6 but the doctor advised us to be ready in case the baby will come out earlier.
- Please pray for us as we step into parenthood stage of our lives. Though we are materially and physically ready and so excited about her but on the other hand we are also afraid. Please pray that we will be good parents.
- We praise the Lord for all of you our collaborators for your prayers, sacrificial giving and your unconditional love. You are our inspiration. Many of you have not seen us yet but thank you for believing in what God can accomplish through us. Rest assured that your gifts are well-spent.
- PTL for our baby girl SHEDEA

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TCM Philippines 51st National Conference

TCM-PH celebrated its 50th Anniversary last year. As fruits of TCM ministry in the Philippines, it was a great honor to be part of that memorable event. The delegations, both local and abroad were witnesses of God’s grace and faithfulness throughout the years. It is amazing how God turned a small group of believers into a massive organization. Now, TCM is one of the fastest growing organizations in the Philippines.

In April 27-30, 2009, the Lord has allowed us again to be part of another momentous event, the TCM’s 51st National Conference. It was held in Cagayan de Oro City where I was a pastor for 5 years. Sharing God’s Word through lectures and music plus delightful conversations with old and new friends were priceless experiences. The love and support they have shared with us were comforts that wherever we are serving the Lord, we are not alone. Wonderful body of believers are backing us up in prayer and encouragement.



Report on South African Ministry

It has been 4 months since we left South Africa. Though we are far away from our church members, but through modern communications we keep in touch with them. We talk to some of them via Skype, Facebook and sometimes SMS through a mobile phone. We also send e-mail messages to be read during church services to encourage them that even we are physically absent but we are spiritually present. We know it’s very hard for them as many of them are still young in the Lord. They need a father to guide them. We praise the Lord for the pastors and growing church ministers who keep the vision clear and encourage others to keep going, growing and sowing. Their ministerial tasks and responsibilities help them

grow in their knowledge of the Scripture and with their service experiences. Most of our Bible students were given preaching and teaching schedules before we left South Africa. Many of them wrote telling us how much they appreciate the lessons they have learned through our Bible classes. Sheba’s students also are still doing good with their music. We know they still have so many things to learn. But we rejoice to see that they use the things which they have learned to reach out the lost and edify the saints. They assured us that in spite of our absence they will continue to serve the Lord through our church. We surely miss their fellowship and the opportunity to witness their growth.

In March 13, 2009 we safely landed in Manila-Philippines from a 3-year mission term in South Africa. We were supposed to proceed to the United States of America for our furlough. It would have been great to see again face to face the people behind our ministries. We would love to report the fruits of our partnership and labor and just have a wonderful sharing time together. But due to Sheba's pregnancy we thought it would be difficult for us to travel in the US with a growing stomach. So instead, we asked TCM to allow us spend our furlough in the Philippines. We'll be staying here until January 2009.

Yes, we are on vacation but we believe there is no vacation in the ministry. Wherever we are, there is always something we can do for heaven's sake. Since we'll be here for 9 months, we decided to do something. In May 3, 2009, we launched a new grace church in Paranaque City. Weeks before the opening, we advertised the church through personal invita-

Church Planting continues . . .

tion and leaflets and prepared necessary materials and equipments. On our first worship service 30 people came. Sheba and I are leading the church for now while mentoring Pastor Reagan (Sheba's brother-in-law). He takes care of Bible studies and visitation while we take care of the overall church leadership and responsibilities. He will take over in November.



After 2 months of indoctrination, intensive Bible studies, teaching and preaching, we recognized 18 of Batch 1 members last July 5, 2009. Along with the membership, they were given also different ministries according to their gifts. Others will be recognized in September after completing our doctrinal statement lessons. It is important that all members must know "what we believe and why we believe it." We strongly emphasize the value of the Grace message and the importance of rightly dividing the Word of Truth in church services. We are amazed how God opened their minds to the understanding of God's purpose and plan in this time of Grace.



The worship service and membership recognition was followed by a lunch fellowship and culminated with Bible challenges, games and other fun activities.

"Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you" 2 Thessalonians 3:1

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