

# CABUNTALA FOR CEBU *Philippines*



Dear Pastor & Friends,

March 2019

Greetings from Cebu! By the grace of God, we are doing well, the ministry continues to thrive, and the people are steadily growing in the Lord. One indicator of growth is that there has been an increase in the baptisms of many of our faithful attendees. Recently, 10 people have decided to be obedient in believers' baptism! As mentioned in a prior letter, this is a big step of faith for many because of the feared persecution from family and friends. Another good indicator of growth is the increase in the obedience of our people going soulwinning and sharing the Gospel! During our services, I always ask the people to share their blessings and week after week, multiple people are getting up and giving a testimony of how they've led someone to the Lord. Glory to GOD! Recently, between personal soulwinning and church-wide soulwinning, we have seen 328 souls profess Christ as their Saviour! Also, as a result of our soulwinning efforts, we have seen an increase in visitors; two of which have been attending faithfully. Amen! We are bearing fruit! That is something to get excited about!

February was an eventful month for us. First, it started off with me coming down with pneumonia, but praise the Lord I have since fully recovered. Thankfully, I recovered in time for our much-anticipated group of visitors to arrive. Included in that group was our sending Pastor, Pastor Win Pechardo, Missionary Rainier Rolda, and our dear friends and faithful supporters, the Culleys. They were such a blessing and a GREAT encouragement to my family and ministry. I praise and thank the Lord for allowing our Pastor and friends to witness firsthand, how He is blessing the work here in Cebu.

On Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Harvest Baptist Church held its Charter Service. It was a blessing to have Pastor Pechardo lead the service and a joy to see 45 of our faithful people come forward for the charter signing. Though we had close to 100 in attendance, we only allowed those who have been scripturally baptized to sign. After the service, we had a wonderful time celebrating all that God has done and is doing through Harvest Baptist Church of Liloan, Cebu!

The following Monday evening, we hosted our *Heart Revival*. Praise the Lord the church was packed; we even had to seat people outside. The Holy Spirit enabled our three speakers to give powerful messages and it was evident the hearts of those in attendance had been convicted; many of which came forward during the alter call. Afterwards, we received several text messages from various members sharing how they were blessed by the preaching during the revival.

At the end of February, I was invited to be a guest speaker for an evangelistic meeting held at the Cebu Prison. This prison is an over populated men's correctional center that houses over 5,000 inmates. People are literally everywhere and as you walk through the facilities, you are rubbing up against inmates as you pass by. The conditions of the prison are horrible, so much so that this place would make the prisons I've seen in the states look like five-star hotels.

During the evangelistic meeting, it was estimated that 700 inmates were in attendance. With God's enablement, I preached a message on *The Power of the Blood*. The Holy Spirit was in control and He was moving in the hearts of the men and when the invitation was given, over 200 hands were raised for Salvation. Praise God!

After the evangelistic meeting, I was asked if I would be a part of the jail ministry and preach on a monthly basis; I humbly accepted. I had the opportunity to preach a couple of times before and let me tell you, I was blessed to witness the amazing work God is doing through this ministry. During the church services the attendees are on fire; shouts of amen are abundant and the singing is loud and spirit-filled. This ministry, with the Lord's enabling, is truly reaching and touching the hearts of the inmates. For example, one man who is serving a life sentence, shared his testimony with me on how being saved through the jail ministry has changed his life. Prior to his imprisonment, he used to be a "murder for hire" and has remorsefully killed 21 people. Since coming to Christ, he has claimed II Corinthians 5:17 and has dedicated his life to serve the Lord. God is using this man to reach other inmates with the Gospel and to serve in the prison church. Praise the Lord! Another man I met, shared how he hopes he will never be released from prison and in fact, has asked to be denied release in fear that he won't serve the Lord the way he is currently serving Him in prison. WOW! Praise God - No matter who you are and what you have done, His blood has the power to save and transform lives!

As always, we love you and thank God for your faithful prayers and support. We are in this together; you have a part in every soul reached through this ministry! To God be ALL the glory!

For His Glory,  
Missionary Dave Cabuntala & Family

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