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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings from the Philippines!

We praise and thank God for his goodness and grace and for using us to be a blessing to our Filipino brethren as our ministry here in Baguio City continues to prosper.

As we build our auditorium with an estimated number of 2,000 seating capacity, the Lord never fails to fill the auditorium with a whole bunch of people even if our government only allows us to use 30% of the capacity in order to observe the safety protocols. About 542 people were witness to and ask the Lord to save them, **332 first time guests** were able to attend our church gatherings for the past three months and we thank God that about **52** of these people decided to follow the Lord in the waters of baptism.

ECQ CONFERENCE

As the number of covid cases increases, Metro Manila and its neighboring provinces were put under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) last April. However, this did not hinder our mission work in Marikina to continue in *assembling their selves together*. Through the Enhanced Church Quickening (ECQ) Conference, members from every mission work were edified through an online series of preachings from the different preachers of LBBC. We also had the opportunity to have a devotion night using an online platform where all mission works were able to join as well! Right after the ECQ been lifted, borders were opened and our brethren in Marikina were able to congregate in the church building. The ECQ Conference ended successfully as one of our supported missionaries came and preached the Word of God.

PROJECT JOSEPH

Project Joseph continues as Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church and its mission works extended help to the community by giving relief goods. Project Joseph were continued on not only here in Baguio City but also in all our mission works: La Union, Tarlac and Manila. We praise God for another opportunity to reach more people through these relief goods. Amidst the growing number of covid cases, the attendance of every mission work was never below its average and our gatherings never ceased.



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I LOVE MY CHURCH SUNDAY

We thank God for another year as LBBC celebrated I Love My Church Sunday last May. While the auditorium is being furnished, a lot of equipment are needed to be upgraded. Through the special offering that the members cheerfully gave, the church was able to buy a bigger, brand new TV. It is nothing but amazing how God uses his people to be a blessing. We are very thankful that our members have learned the principle of cheerful giving and the essence of wanting to be a blessing than receiving a blessing. Truly, this is a concrete example of a principle we live by: *we give because we want to be a blessing not because we want a blessing.*

LIKE MINISTRY

A new ministry we call as Lighthouse Involvement in Knowledge and Enhancement (LIKE) has been started where a member mentors another using the lessons from Foundation of Faith booklets as their guides. The purpose of this ministry is to enhance both the mentor's and the mentee's knowledge on the Word of God. Through a one-on-one type of learning, both are given the chance to learn more and have a better grasp on the lessons provided. We praise God for the involvement of our members – a mentor or a mentee – as we see how God's Word changes their lives. Most of them were able to finish Level 1 last May and is now continuing on with Level 2. Those mentees who finished Level 1 are now mentoring others as well. We praise God for these people who are very eager and enthusiastic in studying God's Word.

SPECIAL ACTION FORCE (SAF) Bible Study

Thanking God also for opening another door at Bayambang, Pangasinan as the Bible Study for Special Action Force (SAF) Police troops of the Philippine National Police first commenced last April. On average, about 30 SAF members are consistently attending every Thursday since May for the Bible Study. By God's grace, it is eyed upon that a new mission work will be opened in the same area.



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A CHURCH ON THE SEASIDE

Who could ever think that a mission work could be put up in the middle of a vineyard, just right beside an ocean? During 2014, the year of one the most perilous time I've gone through, we've set up a mission work in Caba, La Union. 7 years later, our mission work stills stand and is functioning as a Lighthouse in that community. Not only did it strive, but it also thrived even during the pandemic. We thank God for allowing us to celebrate its 7th year Foundation Day last June 4, 2021 with our brethren in La Union. We have yet to renovate and reconstruct the church building there as our number grows rapidly as well.



NEW MISSION WORK IN TAYTAY, RIZAL

Even with the all the restrictions and strict border protocols here in the Philippines, we praise God for opening doors for new mission works. Another mission work in Taytay, Rizal has started last June and we are hoping that this work will continue to grow and will continue to shine as lighthouse to those are still in the darkness of this world. It is fascinating how God uses our mission work in Manila for this new mission to grow.



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MARIKINA MISSION EXPANSION

We praise God that all our mission works are rapidly growing and are needing expansions with their church building. Our mission work in Manila just started some renovation which resulted in doubling the whole place! What's amazing is that the Lord used our dear preachers and workers to do all these construction works. We hope and pray that the Lord will continue to provide for all the things we need to expand and to furnish the church buildings of all our mission works.



BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we praise God for allowing us to start a building of our own. This auditorium will be the largest baptist church auditorium ever built in Baguio City. In preparation for the rainy season, we are enclosing the auditorium by installing walls and windows for ventilation on both sides. I thank and praise God that he used preachers and soul winners to build this auditorium. We give back all the glory to Jesus for all He's done to this ministry. We thank you all for your prayers and help. Thank you for constantly supporting us. I hope and pray that this year, we will be able to finish this property. Again, we thank you and we praise God for you all.

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