

December 12, 2009

Dear Pastor and Friends,

The end of the year for Diane and I brings a time of reflection. Without any hesitation we would like to say that the Lord has been so good to us. It will be 15 years, this Jan., since we first visited the Philippines. There was great excitement and expectation during that first visit. Now, as we look to this New Year, I'm glad to say that the excitement and vision is still there. I would like to praise the Lord for these great blessings. The first Partnering Workshops will begin the 1st of February at Bethany Baptist Church in Makati. 2. The new office in Makati will be fully equipped and operational. 3. The office being built in Manapla, on the Negros Occ. Island will be finished during the first quarter of the New Year. 4. The three young couples that have been working on deputation since September 2007 will be moving to the Philippines to begin a year of language school.

Diane and I want to thank each and every one of you for lifting us up in prayer. We've flown and driven many miles and the Lord has kept us safe and protected all along the way. Thank you also for giving financially so we can take the gospel to the lost. May the Lord continue to bless you.

As inmates are released from prison we always direct them to a church in their city. Two weeks ago a pastors wife from New Beginnings Baptist Church in Bacolod City wrote an e-mail and joyfully informed us that two ladies from Handumanans Womens Prison had been released and were attending their services and serving the Lord faithfully. Praise the Lord! I've included a few of their testimonies!

I am Linda Yusi and I have asked the Lord for His mercy to forgive all my sins. I am thankful that I knew as my Saviour through using the Bible study conducted by the Rock of Ages. I have hope to change my life.

I am Diane Purganan. I had learned to mingle to other people and for staying here I have knew Christ and how to ask forgiveness for the sin that I committed. Praying and asking to God that He will grant my probation and my loved ones will forgive me.

I am Fe Abella, I worked night and day and I neglected God so I end up in prison because of my greediness of money. I've joined the Bible study of Sis. Nanette through Rock of Ages, and I started knowing the Lord. I am faithfully attending Bible study and student of PBI. I was hoping that I will be released from prison and continue studying His Word outside. Recently I was sentenced, I have still hope that God will continually provide my needs. I am thankful to God that He uses Sis. Nanette and Rock of Ages in sharing God's Word.

Diane and I want to wish everyone a *Very Merry Christmas* and *Happy New Year*.



Larry & Diane Stikeleather
Isa. 58:8-12