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Your Missionaries in
Iloilo City, Philippines since 1976

Dear Friends,

Here is part 2 of our March-April 2025:

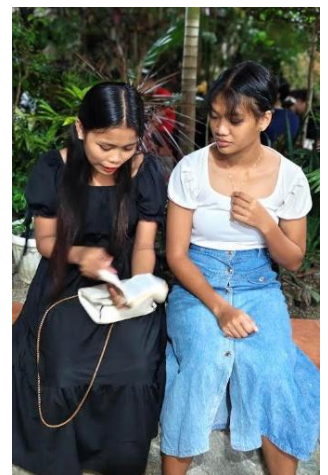
Recent events

1. Christmas Musical 2024

Shepherds visit the baby Jesus



The Lord blessed the 5 nights of the musical with over 4000 visitors. There were more visitors than any other year and many were saved. Below are pictures of a few of them.



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Introducing new converts to the church



Baptizing a new convert



2. Help the Needy

This year the program went really well. There were many projects. Three houses were built by the workers for people who lost their homes in a fire or storm. Below you can see the students clearing a small lot to build a house.



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Students putting on the roof.



This poor family now has a home.



There was one house built by a staff member for a family who had been antagonistic towards them. It was very hard for the staff member to go through that. In November the family lost their small home due to a storm. That staff member surprised me because she said that she wanted to build a house for someone. I found out later that she and her workers built the house for that family who had been so bad to her. I was reminded of the words of Jesus when he said that we were to love our enemies and do good to them and bless them and pray for them. The family was ashamed and came to the Lord as a result. It was a blessing to me to see someone obey the command of our Lord which was hard to do.

3. Family Day

On February 9, Iloilo Baptist Church had its annual Family Day. Workers follow up on every family every week for 13 weeks. A year later there are usually 25-35 of these visiting families who are regularly attending the service.

Dr. Gerald McKelroy from Waco, Texas has been our speaker for almost all of our Family Days for the past 15 years. The people enjoyed his preaching and also singing.



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Family taking their picture with Philippine Army soldiers.



Firefighters receiving Christ as Savior



Winning a mother to Christ

Philippine Army soldier who received our Lord as Savior being introduced.



Recognizing some of the soldiers, firefighters and police officers



About 520 families visited the morning service on Family Day.



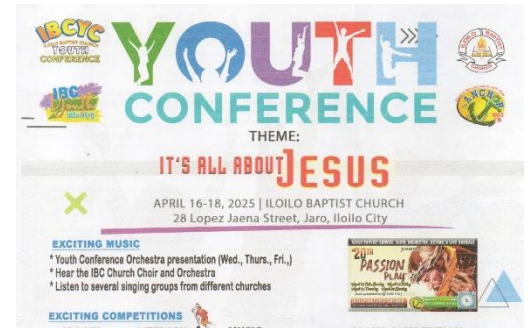
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Please pray for these current & upcoming events:

1. Youth Conference

The dates were on April 16-18. Last year over 1200 young people attended and a good number of them came to Bible College. Please pray for the Lord to touch the hearts of the young people and that they will surrender all to Him.



2. Easter "Passion Play"

This is the 20th year that Iloilo Baptist Church has presented an Easter Musical about the last week of the life of Jesus. The dates this year are the nights of April 13 Sunday, April 15 Tuesday, April 18 Friday (during the last night of the Youth Conference) and on Easter Sunday night April 20.

Please pray many lost people come to the Lord.



3. Youth Camps

Please pray for the summer camps of our graduates. They start in the middle of April and go to the middle of June. There are 27 camps that our graduates have that our staff will be a part of to recruit students for Bible College. Almost all of the graduates who have their own Bible Colleges will have their own youth camp and also a youth conference. Please pray for the young people at these camps to make decisions and wholly give the Lord their life,

4. Please pray for the family of Pastor Adonis Motol who went to heaven on March 15. He died from a snake bite. He graduated in 2000 and was a faithful pastor for 24 years.

5. Please pray as the threats and actions of China have become very serious to the Philippines as well as other nearby countries.

God bless,

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