

SIMBAHAN SA BUKID - PHILIPPINES

Philippians 4:19 – “My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

By faith, we believe and trust that the Lord will provide all our needs, and I am always amazed how He provides those needs – the people He touches, the organization He uses and the way He does the impossible. Last December, Hiramayan, the city where the church is located, was ground zero for a major typhoon. Many houses and churches were destroyed, and many properties were devastated. Fortunately, only the roof on Simbahan sa Bukid was damaged. But what amazed me was after the destruction, was that the Lord did not only provide the needs of the church, but also He used the church as the tool to help the families in our community. We distributed almost 4 tons of rice, thousands of cans of sardines and noodles, along countless containers of drinking water for hundreds of households!

The church roof is now under repair. We replaced the bamboo trusses with steel, but we still use nipa (*grass roof*) on the roof for comfort (cools the inside) and to preserve the look of the church (rustic). We still use the church building every Sunday for our services, but we use the newly renovated Children’s Ministry building for our midweek service. The Lord truly is faithful to all His promises! **2 Timothy 2:13**

We are currently studying the book of Mark on Sunday mornings, working through the New Testament for second time. Mark presents Jesus Christ as the suffering servant. Chronologically, we are now picking up at the Passion week of Jesus Christ, which is perfect timing for the coming Holy Week next month.

Wednesday nights at the church, and Thursdays in a nearby community, we are studying the book of Exodus. This amazing book is showing us how God delivered the Children of Israel from the bondage of Egypt, and is also showing us how God delivers us from the bondage of sin through Jesus Christ.

Every Sunday at 7pm at the church, the men gather together to study the Book of 2 Chronicles. The men are also praying about a fellowship basketball league in our community. The ladies love to fellowship from house to house. Every Sunday after church they have a fellowship lunch together where they study of the Word.

April 15, at 6pm on Good Friday, we will remember the death and burial of Jesus Christ. Then on April 17, we will celebrate Resurrection Sunday at 5 o’clock in the morning. Everyone is welcome to bring food to share for breakfast.

- Bem Bem Miguel

