

Mission Philippines. 21st February to 13th March 2006

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Matthew 25 v 36.

Dear praying friends...

Once more it is time to go forth into the entire world and preach the Gospel. DV on the 21st February I leave Gatwick and head out to Cebu Island in the Philippines to visit the prisons and churches.. Some of you know the Lerion's in Tacloban City, others will remember Pastor Ruben in Cebu and John Valdavieso an evangelist who is engaged in prison ministry. I am hoping to see Dinah Lerion (a student training to be a medical missionary) in Cebu.

Pastor Ruben has been away supporting other Christians but has returned to Cebu..There are four main prisons in Cebu Island, Lapu Lapu City jail, Mandanow prison, Cebu City jail and one other which I forget the name of ?

I am planning to visit the two jails in Ormoc and then cross Leyte Island to visit the Lerions in Tacloban City, another visit to the jail and then across the San Juanico Bridge to Samar Island where there is another prison which I know well and where the Lord was gracious to pour out His Spirit. Catbalogan Jail must hold around 100 prisoners in an open compound is pretty basic with conditions of filth and poverty on every side. Samar is one of the poorest of the Philippines 7,000 islands.

It took some while for me to recover from the trauma on my mission in India especially the car accidents the floods in Chennai and being stranded in Visakhapnam. However through much faithful prayer I have recovered and ready to take up the challenge of ministry..

Although feeling totally inadequate I am looking to the dear Lord for strength and guidance. .Isaiah 40 v 31
The Lords has promised," I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou may know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel". Isaiah 45 v 2/3

When I was in Poland in June last year and again in India in November 05, I was limping and in pain with what I thought was a pulled muscle? On my return home after medical test I have been diagnosed having osteoarthritis in my left hip where I am told the cartilage has worn thin. It is a painful condition and I was not sure if I should continue to travel abroad as often there are some very rough roads and places to negotiate.

But the Lord has shown me clearly that I am to continue to proclaim the Gospel while it is day.. So I value your prayers on my return on the 16th March 06 as I have an appointment with a specialist at DGH in Eastbourne DV

Please remember Sheila in her continuing ministry at home, please pray for travelling mercies, but more especially for a harvest of souls to be swept into the kingdom in these last days before the Kings return..

Tony and Sheila

Dear Brother Tony,

Thanks for your welcomed letter by way of E-mail, concerning our final schedules of the meeting here in the Region of Bicol.

Brother Tony, here is our final tentative schedules you need as follows:

SCHEDULES OF PREACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD

1. IRIGA CITY JAIL----MORNING PREACHING
MARCH 6, 2006----TIME 9:00 A.M.
AFTERNOON PREACHING --IRIGA CHURCH 7:00P.M
PASTOR RAUL ZALDIVAR

2. NAGA DISTRICT JAIL--- MORNING PREACHING
MARCH 7,2006---TIME 10:A.M.
AFTERNOON PREACHING- CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
TIME 7:00 P.M.
PASTOR REYNALDO TABLIZO

3. CAMARINIS PROVINCIAL JAIL-MORNING PREACHING
MARCH 8,2006-- TIME- 10:00AM.
AFTERNOON REACHING- BELIEVERS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
TIME- 8:00P.M.
PASTOR FELIPE L. GUEVARRA

4. TABACO CITY JAIL--MORNING PREACHING
MARCH 9, 2006- TIME- 10;00A.M.
AFTERNOON PREACHING- TIME 8;00P.M.
GOD HAS THE ANSWER CHURCH
PASTOR JESSIE TAN

NOTE; THIS IS FOUR DAYS MEETING IN BICOL REGION. ABOUT YOUR ACCOMODATION BROTHER FELIPE INVITE YOU TO STAY IN HIS HOUSE OR ELSE YOU STAY IN HOTEL. ITS UP TO YOU.YOU WILL KNOW WHEN YOU COME. IF THERES ANY QUESTION YOU WRITE US. AS OF NOW I AM HERE IN CAMARINIS SUR, BICOL;

LORDWILLING I WILL BE LEAVING BICOL ON SATURDAY 18TH, FEB. GOINGBACK TO TACLOBAN.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU RICHLY.

BRO. JOHN

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Pastor Ruben/ Marlon/ are arranging meetings on Cebu Island.

A pastors conference
Lapu lapu City Jail
Manadanoe Jail
Cebu city Jail
Mactpan Jail
Some church meetings

Pastor Lerion is arranging meetings on Leyte
Ormoc City jail
Ormoc Municiple Jail
Tacloban City Jail
Womens Section
Aboyog Prison

Catbalogan Jail on Samar Island

John Valdavieso is arranging meetings in region 5 a cluster of small islands..

Legspi Jail
Iniga Prison
Naga Jail
Clamanisis Jail

For Prayer Praise and Thanksgiving.

Daily Bread Missions- February- March 2006

There was every valid reason for not going to the Philippines the long journey confined to a small seat in an aircraft , my hip was painful, my blood pressure had soared due to anti inflammatory drugs, the mud slide, the political situation, the dangers, and at the time I booked my air fare there were no arrangements made, no meetings..

Over the years this work has always been supported by much prayer but I have never experienced so many people enquiring and praying in Canada, India, Poland, UK, and in the Philippines. However having decided to cancel the mission I was left sitting in pain. I realised that there would be no souls saved, none touched by God. I knew I had to go pain or no pain so I booked my ticket..

How the Lord opened the doors is marvellous. Pastor Tim Tapang in Negros Occidental with Pastor Ruben and Pastor Marlon from Cebu had arranged meetings in the prisons in San Carlos City Jail , Caland City Jail, and Gihulngan City Jail. They brought with them boxes of Bibles for distribution to the new converts . In the three prisons after the Word had been preached 267 prisoners had received bibles and more wanted

them.. I was also invited to be guest speaker at a school where 300 children and some adults were celebrating their anniversary

On Leyte Island we visited Ormoc prison. 230 responded to the gospel call. The Lord had prepared their hearts. Pastor Lerion had managed to arrange for me to hire an air con van and after Ormoc we drove directly to Carigara to preach on the way to Tacloban City.

The prison here is situated beside the main road and the men left their huts to assemble in the compound. This meant that we had to speak to them through the high wired fence. They listened intently and many were moved to tears. The Holy Spirit convicting them of their sins, many repenting and seeking the Lord.

In Tacloban City jail around 200 or more prisoners sat as a secular group tuned up for a concert.. At that moment we arrived and Pastor Lerion told the Warden we wanted ¾ of an hour to an hour with no music. Amazingly the musicians packed up and switched off their equipment and were part of the 208 who responded to the Gospel message.

In Tacloban City I stayed in the local NFU university for P600 £6.00 a night while we visited Tacloban City Jail and Baseyon Samar Island where two more jails were visited . Once more the Lord poured out His Spirit and I witnessed many more hundreds of prisoners repenting, believing and receiving Christ as their own personal Lord and Saviour. The Lord having graciously supplied money for Bibles we were able to distribute to the men who manifested a desire for the Word

The arrangements for Bicol Island fell through, I was not disappointed as the Lord had warned me before that this was a possibility and I had made provisional arrangements. The Lord led me to return to Cebu Island where Pastor Ruben and Pastor Marlon had more prison meetings scheduled. More amazing scenes with men in terrible and awful conditions listened intently to the word and responded 100%

The power of praise in the worship times and the evidence and witness of the Holy Spirit confirmed that the Lord had prepared the ground for the precious incorruptible seed.. We visited Cebu City jail, Danau City Jail Lapu Lapu having visited the women's section there, the junior section and the main prisons where up to 200 or 300 men were confined.

I have been used to the squalor in the jails but was continually shocked at the filth, darkness, heat, overcrowding and in sanitary conditions. Sadly there is not much hope for these men outside the prison with no prospect of employment and a deep, deep poverty prevailing all around.

In all more than 1500 indicated they wanted to follow Jesus , men who have prayed a sinners prayer, some broken and deeply moved by the message who indicated a real repentance and a desire to be saved. The Lord is building His church in a wonderful way in the prisons.

There were many difficulties, English food was scare, the heat, the bad roads, the accommodation (apart for my stay in Villa Ormoc Hotel in Ormoc City) I was bitten by mosquitoes, bitten by ants, my Case fell out of the luggage rack in the coach breaking my Computer keyboard. My nights were disturbed so I was constantly tired, some days I preach four times added to the long journeys over rough broken roads , but the Lord strengthened me.. At times I forgot all about my hip It was anesthetised by God until I returned to London to foolishly run up the stairs at Victoria Station rushing for a train .

I had a meeting in Pastor Lerions Home with 30 Children. Bob Lerion had organised a viewing of the Jesus Film in the LNU Univeristy where 60/ 70 young students viewed the film I was asked to speak to them before the film began.