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Dear Pastors, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! I am writing to share the joy of God's work in the Philippines and encourage you as we partner in this great ministry. First, I want to acknowledge the incredible faith and perseverance of Pastor Jerome De Castro and his church family. As he continues seeking the Lord's provision for a permanent location, I am moved by his commitment to meeting in a temporary space in a church member's front yard. This speaks volumes about his dedication to the work of the Lord, reminding us of the early church, which gathered wherever they could, trusting God for the future. The Lord sees his heart and his faithfulness, and I believe He will honor his desire to secure land for a permanent place of worship. Until that day, may the Lord continue to bless his gatherings and provide for every need in His perfect timing. We also rejoice in the recent progress made at Bonbon, where the church roof has been installed and the cement floor completed. What a milestone! This represents more than just a building; it symbolizes God's faithfulness to His people and a testimony of what can be accomplished through prayer, faith, and hard work. May this new roof shelter countless gatherings where the Word of God is preached, souls are saved, and the Gospel transforms lives.

Additionally, let us pray for Pastor Sammy Medina and Sister Melissa as they prepare to move to the Quezon Province this spring to plant a new church and establish a Bible school. The Lord's hand is clearly upon them as they step out in faith to advance His Kingdom in a new region. Church planting is never easy, but we know that where the Lord calls, He also equips. Please pray for their safety, wisdom, and provision in this endeavor, and may God prepare the hearts of those they will minister to in Quezon Province. Finally, I want to mention our annual Christmas offering goal of \$4,000 for the 36 Faith Baptist Church Philippine Ministry churches. This offering is crucial in supporting the continued ministry efforts in the Philippines, helping to strengthen and expand the work God is doing there. If the Lord lays it on your heart to give, please make your checks payable to "Faith Baptist Church" and write "Philippine Christmas Offering" in the memo section. Every gift, large or small, will significantly impact the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ and the spreading of the Gospel. Thank you for your prayers, support, and partnership in the Lord's work. May God continue to bless you and use you for His glory.

Looking unto Jesus, Joshua Rhoades, Ephesians 3:20-21

Dr. J. Barry Goodman

Pastor

Pastor Sammy Medina National Director Bro. Joshua Rhoades Field Director



The church roof at Bonbon with Brother Lawrence Nieva on Polillo Island.



The church family helped finish the floor with Brother Nieva at Bonbon on Polillo Island.



The church family of Pastor Jerome De Castro is helping prepare the front yard to have concrete poured for a temporary place to meet for church.



The floor was approaching completion for Pastor Jerome and the church family in the Manggahan area.