

Serving the Lord in the Philippines Greetings from the Gundersons

April/June 2017

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Jesus the Messiah.
Galatians 3:28*



National Flag of the Philippines

Change is in the Air

Things are changing throughout the Philippines. We have started receiving numerous earthquakes in various parts on the Philippines on a regular basis, many quite intense. Fortunately, we have not been directly affected by any of them in an adverse manner, although we have felt them. They are forecasted to continue and are concerned of a projected major quake in the Manila area as well.

Martial law was declared in Mindanao in May; specifically the area of Marawi as a result of ISIS terrorist attacks in the region. The time period initially set for the martial law was just recently extended by the Philippine Congress. While we are located on the island of Luzon, it has affected many things, especially travel throughout the country. Thus far close to 500 people have been killed, churches have been ransacked (some during actual services as congregants tried to escape) and many, including some clergy, have been kidnapped. As military and police forces measures intensify, some of the terrorist are escaping to other parts of the country in an attempt to evade capture. It is something we need to be continually aware of as we minister in different parts of the country. It develops in Nancy and me a deeper level of trust in our Creator as we share about Him and His Kingdom.



The middle of April we worked with Big Tent Worship ministries in conducting their fourth annual city-wide Passover Seder. The celebration was well attended and many people's eyes were opened through the Holy Spirit to a deeper revelation and understanding of the significance of the Feast.

The end of April Paul traveled to Angeles City where Paul hosted the Church of God in Christ Annual Youth Convocation. It was the



largest attended youth event in almost 10 years. This year's event was entitled, "The Fight of Your Life" and was well attended by pastors and young people. We are also continuing with our monthly discipleship classes. They are also being well received and regular attendance continues to grow.

In May we had a planning meeting with members of 700 Club Asia, other pastors and ministry leaders for an upcoming event the end of August with Dr. Michael Brown and Scott Volk called "Together for Israel 2017". During the meeting we were briefly and



unexpectedly joined by the Israel Ambassador to the Philippines, Effie Ben Matityau. He knew some of the meeting attendees and stopped to say hello. He jokingly asked, "What are you doing for Israel?" When we told him about the event he laughed and said, "Why am I not surprised." We took it as a good sign regarding the upcoming event. The event is to be held on August 28.

Nancy and I were asked the end of June by Church of God in Christ if we could come and explain the Passover and the significance of the Seder. While the Passover had passed, it was the first time it had ever been done in Church of God in Christ Philippines, so we went. There were over 20 pastors in



attendance with another 60 others attending. Many were physically overwhelmed by the revelations and we are having a follow-up question and answer session with many of them in July.

The last week of June Paul traveled to Toledo, Cebu as he had been invited to share at the Toledo Ministerial Fellowship which is a multi-denominational organization of over 100 area churches. Paul was invited by a local pastor to come and help him seek approval and support in conducting a Hebraic Roots conference in Toledo on September 23rd. There were several good questions as most



were not aware of the roots of our faith. Finally approval was given and we will go ahead with the planning. What is a challenge is in the advertising. We cannot use any Christian or Jewish symbols as to incite potential problems with local inhabitants, several who are Muslim or sympathetic to the ISIS agenda in the Philippines. However, the pastors there are excited to learn more and to be able to share with their respective churches. They are already expecting approximately 150 – 200 pastors and church leaders to attend the event.

Our Lord has accomplished much already and even more in the future, if we don't lose heart. Thank you for your prayers.

NANCY'S NOTES

We need to voluntarily follow God rather than struggle to get Him to follow us. He knows where He is going, and I know we will reach our destination safely if we allow Him to lead.



We should consecrate ourselves to God in prayer on a regular basis. We should say; "Here I am Lord, I am Yours, do with me as You please".

Consecration and/or dedication to God are the most important aspect of succeeding at being ourselves. We don't even know what we are supposed to be, let alone how to become

whatever it is. But as we regularly keep our lives on the altar in consecration to God, He will do the work that needs to be done in us, so He may do the work He desires to do through us.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Thank you for your faithful prayers. If you feel led to be a part of our prayer team, please send us an email at nancy@oneinyeshua.org. As a part of the prayer team you will be sent a monthly update the beginning of each month. We ask you to keep us and these issues in prayer.

SPECIFIC NEEDS in the Philippines

- Nancy's healing from her knee replacement surgery is going well and she completed all of her therapy.
- We continue to look for a better and more permanent location for our home and ministry.

UPCOMING MINISTRY Opportunities

We are working with a team to organize an event in Davao and Manila with Dr. Michael Brown and Scott Volk as speakers. We are estimating close to 8,000 participants. Please pray for the Lord's direction and provision in all aspects of the work.

- We are holding a Hebraic Roots conference in Toledo, Cebu on September 23rd. It is our first time in this area and will be attended by 150-200 pastors from multiple denominations. We are truly seeking God's wisdom and protection in all aspects of this event.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Please pray that His church in the US will remain in humble repentance before our Lord's throne in prayer till our nation has

been healed and restored (2 Chronicles 7:14).

- In May, Martial Law was declared in Mindanao due to ISIS terrorist activity. It continues on and many lives have been lost as a result. Please be praying for God's sovereign hand to bring an end to this situation.

- We continue to have small, but destructive earthquakes throughout the Philippines. Please pray for the Lord's protection to those in these areas.

We cannot thank you enough for taking time to keep us in prayer. May the Lord give back to you a hundredfold for your labor of love for us and the Lord's work. Also, let us know how we can be praying for you as well.

Maraming salamat! Thank you so much for all of those who are standing with us throughout another year. Nancy and I wish to thank you so much for all that you do for us. If not for your prayers and support we would not be able to minister on the Lord's behalf here. We are excited about helping to build God's Kingdom here in the Philippines with you.

We love and appreciate all of you and pray for you regularly. May God give back to you in His abundance.

Paul & Nancy



STAY CURRENT

We have several ways for you to keep current on what we are doing and where we are speaking. We also want to stay current with you as well. Please let us know what God is doing in your lives and how we can be praying for you.

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