

CABUNTA FOR CEBU *Philippines*



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Dear Pastors and Prayer Partners,

Greetings from Cebu! We are so thankful for your continued prayers, love, and support. Your faithfulness is a great encouragement to us as we serve the Lord here in the Philippines. We would like to share with you some of the blessings and prayer requests from the past few months.

We recently had a wonderful reminder of the truth in 1 Corinthians 3:6, “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.” A few weeks ago, my son, Ty, was out soulwinning when he met a young man named Jay. Jay was an orphan from the Philippines who was adopted by an American couple and grew up in Colorado. As Ty shared the Gospel with him, Jay had a clear understanding of God and what it meant to accept Jesus as his Saviour, but he was not ready to make that decision at the time. Ty spent quite some time talking with him, answering his many questions, but Jay remained skeptical and told Ty he wasn't ready.

About two weeks later, while I was out soulwinning, I approached a young man and asked if I could give him a Gospel tract. He told me that he had already received one, and when I asked if I could share the Gospel with him, he said someone had already talked to him about it. I asked his name, and he told me, “Jay,” and that he was from Colorado. He also told me that the person who had shared the Gospel with him was named Ty! I immediately realized that this was the same young man my son had told me about. Praise the Lord! I was able to sit down with Jay and share the Gospel with him again, spending more time answering his questions and talking with him. This time, Jay told me that he was ready to accept Jesus as his Saviour. Praise the Lord!

I invited him to our Youth Night, and although he initially said he might come if he had time, a few days later he reached out and said he wanted to attend. He did come, and he told us that because Ty and I had both taken the time to talk with him, he felt that he should at least come and visit the church. What a blessing to see how God worked through both conversations! Ty planted the seed, I had the opportunity to water it, but God gave the increase. We may not always see the results of the seeds we plant, but we can be faithful to share the Gospel and trust God with the harvest. To God be all the glory!

One of the highlights of our recent ministry was our Youth Night, where we invited two other church youth groups to join us. Our theme was “CHOOSE WISELY,” because we wanted to remind our young people that the choices they make today can have a lasting impact on their lives. Every decision carries consequences, and as young people seek to follow the Lord, it is so important that they learn to seek God's wisdom and make choices that honor Him.

We were so thankful to have all of our young people involved in the preparation and serving. With the Lord's enabling, Ty preached a powerful and convicting message entitled “One Choice Away.” God used the message in a special way, and many of the young people were brought to tears as they experienced deep conviction in their hearts. We praise the Lord for working in their lives and reminding them that sometimes we are only one choice away from a very different direction in life.

My son Jay also created a short film with several of our young people based on the “Choose Wisely” theme. It was a powerful visual reminder of how our choices can affect the course of our lives, and it was a great blessing to the young people. God has given Jay a special talent for creating videos, and we are thankful to see him using that ability for God's glory and to reach and encourage others for Christ. Please pray for our young people, that they will continue to grow in the Lord, make wise choices, and remain faithful to Him.

Last month, Angel hosted a ladies' meeting. The theme was "BEE STILL," based on Psalm 46:10, and Angel shared a devotional with the ladies entitled "BEE Still...Because He Is God." It was a wonderful day of encouragement, fellowship, laughter, games, good food, and, most importantly, a time in God's Word. The ladies were reminded that God is not calling us to have still hands, but still hearts... to trust Him, rest in His promises, and remember that He is God even in the midst of life's busyness and uncertainties.

We have good news to praise the Lord for! Angel had a PET scan in June, and praise God, there was no evidence of cancer recurrence and the fibrosis in her lung remains stable! What a relief and blessing. As a cancer patient, you often feel like you are living from scan to scan, so we are especially thankful for this good report.

There is, however, another area where we would appreciate your prayers. Angel's oncologist is concerned about the health of her liver. They are considering having her take another medication that would require weekly injections in her abdomen. This medication may also have the added benefits of helping protect her heart and providing a small additional benefit in reducing the risk of cancer recurrence. However, it also has some concerning potential side effects, so her doctors are carefully weighing the potential benefits against the risks to determine whether this is the best option for her. Please pray that the Lord will give her doctors wisdom and clear direction as they make this decision, that He will provide for this new medication if it is the right treatment for Angel, and that they will know exactly what is best for her. We are trusting the Lord to guide and provide every step.

During her appointment with her oncologist, the doctor was amazed by Angel and told her Angel that she was like "Wonder Woman" because of the way she handles everything and maintains such a positive attitude. Angel was quick to point it all back to the Lord, telling her that she has a WONDER ful God who gives her the strength to face each day. We are thankful that even through her own health struggles, God is giving Angel opportunities to encourage others and point them to Him.

I have a special prayer request and would ask you to join me in praying for our sending pastor, Pastor Win Pechardo, and his family. His dear wife, Ma'am Joi, went home to be with the Lord on July 8 after battling serious health issues for many years.

Ma'am Joi faithfully served the Lord alongside her husband. As a devoted pastor's wife, she stood by his side, faithfully serving the Lord together through the joys and challenges of ministry. She was a loving mother, a devoted grandmother, and a faithful servant of Christ. Her life was a testimony of faithfulness, humility, and love for the Lord. While we grieve her passing, we rejoice that she is no longer suffering and is now in the presence of her Saviour, the One she loved and faithfully served.

Please pray especially for Pastor Pechardo as he grieves the loss of his beloved wife and faithful partner in ministry. Pray that God will comfort, strengthen, and sustain him as he continues to faithfully serve the Lord without his precious wife by his side. Please also pray for their family and church, that God will give them comfort, strength, and peace during this difficult time.

Please also keep our family in your prayers as we are facing various trials, and we would appreciate your prayers for God's protection, provision, strength, wisdom, and comfort as we continue serving Him. We are thankful that the Lord is faithful and that we can trust Him through every battle.

Again, THANK YOU so much for taking the time to pray for our family and ministry. Your faithfulness and partnership are a great encouragement to us, and we are truly thankful to have you standing with us as we serve the Lord here in the Philippines. We love you all and are praying for you, too. We are grateful for the privilege of serving Him together.

For His Glory,
Bro. Dave Cabuntala & family

