

The Varney Family to the Philippines

Holding fast the Faithful Word



Tess, Mark, John, & Daniel

Dear Friends, March 1, 2022

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As the pandemic finally seems to be lifting, we find ourselves looking at the threat of another World War, and we are reminded of the words of the Lord Jesus: "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9.4). After Palawan's highway checkpoints were mostly taken down, preachers from our own church together with another pastor traveled to conduct a Bible conference among some churches in the southern part of our island. We thank the Lord that our messages were received with grace.

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I will tell you frankly that many churches here on our island are in various stages of doctrinal apostasy. Philosophies are crowding out simple Bible truths, and factions are built on the strangest of teachings. Sadly, the word of God is not always recognized as the authority, and of course there are many counterfeits. In some cases, the gospel is no longer being declared. Many are confused regarding the merits of Christ's work on the cross, and misunderstanding exists regarding basic salvation truths, including forgiveness of sins. In some churches, Roman Catholic superstitions and other pagan beliefs are manifest.

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And so we aim to continue this type of conference ministry throughout our island, to the extent that we have opportunity. This is something that we can do to help edify the brethren, and reach unsaved church members. We ask you to pray for our efforts. Please pray that the words of scripture will be magnified over all traditions, so that believers will be strengthened, and unbelievers will be saved.

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Our own church continues to grow in grace and service to the Lord. Our City has lowered our pandemic restrictions to Level 1, so we will push forward with our street preaching. Our radio ministry continues as normal, with the exception that pandemic restrictions helped us to find even better ways to transfer our broadcasts.

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Family news: We celebrate Tess' 62nd birthday this month. She continues to guide the house and manage her diabetes. Her pattern of reading through the Bible seven times each year is an encouragement to us all. John continues sound in body and mind, and serves faithfully with us in nearly every aspect of the ministry. DJ is growing tall and it about to finish the 7th grade. Both boys are a blessing and help in both our home and ministry. Our nephew, Darwin may get married this year, so we will have one less in our household before long. Gas prices are high here, as they are likely for you also. And so we keep going. The Lord is good, and our family aim is to continue as helpful to those we can help, and faithful to our Lord Jesus.

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Sincerely, Mark Varney and Family



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