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The Varney Family to the Philippines

Holding fast the Faithful Word



Dear Friends, Sept 01, 2025

First, we thank the Lord for giving us the opportunity to preach the gospel to numbers of college students, a good percentage of which are first year students. We had an extended and productive gospel conversation with the family of a fresh college graduate, a believer. She brought her siblings, near relatives, and some close friends into the city; for some of them, it was their first time to hear a clear gospel presentation. In the end result, some of them believed and others went away with something to consider. Three from that group now affirm their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Please pray for our student outreach, and for the new believers!

We are also thankful for our church members who have invited others to hear the gospel. It is the great desire of every missionary pastor to see his people not only bring folks to church, but learn to present the gospel clearly themselves. Please pray for these believers to reproduce!

Of great concern to us is the growing ecumenical "gospel" which has reached even to our little corner of the world. That popular "gospel" encourages folks to know that Jesus loves them, and to "accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior." As a concerned gospel preacher, I must ask: where is the gospel in that admonition? For those who ask "What do the Varneys preach in the Philippines, and online to all who will listen?", we affirm that the gospel which we have received and wherein we stand, and by which also we are saved is:

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that <u>Christ died for our sins</u> according to the scriptures; And that <u>he was buried</u>, and that <u>he rose again the third day</u> according to the scriptures:" "Who was <u>delivered for our offences</u>, and was <u>raised again for our justification</u>." (1 Cor. 15:3-4 and Rom. 4.25).

We continue to shine this gospel light which only can overcome that dark so-called "gospel" which is nothing but <u>lifeless</u>, powerless ecumenical conformity. We continue to affirm that a sinner must take his rightful place as a child of wrath, fully deserving God's judgment; but trusting that Jesus Christ's death was both necessary and sufficient to pay for man's sins, and trust that he is justified - declared righteous before God - by Christ's resurrection. This is the sinner's only hope. Without a man's specific trust in the substitutionary death of Christ and Christ's power to justify by virtue of his resurrection, one cannot "accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour". ~[continued on page 2]



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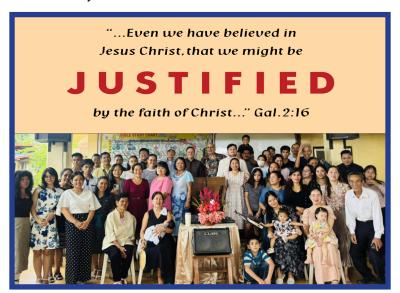
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In other news, our mission church celebrated their anniversary on August 17th. It was the second day in a row that there had been a city-wide brownout, but many came despite the fact that there was no electricity.



Our family is doing well. A few have inquired about <u>John</u>; his episode lasted three solid and difficult months. We appreciate all who were concerned and prayed for us; indeed God answered our prayers, and sustained us with His grace.

<u>Daniel</u> is sweating out Algebra II and Chemistry this year, and is learning to contemplate the Blessed Hope of the believer!

<u>Tess and I</u> are feeling our age, but then aren't we all? Our health remains stable, and we are thankful to be able to serve the Lord in the ways that we can and do!

Our <u>Mitsubishi truck</u> is in its 17th year, most of which were spent on the rough roads of Palawan. It will not be long before we have to retire that vehicle. Please pray with us regarding this major expense.

By God's grace and your prayers and support, we press on. We love you all!

Sincerely, Mark Varney and Family