

deliver. The Service was well conducted. All members and other symphatizer expresses there thank for our present and for the blessings.

There were 19 adults, 7 young people and 17 childrens present for the service.

Just after the service, Pastor Melchor Wandasan presented there problem and plans for the future. They want to have also a Church Building wherein to hold Divine Services. He said that if possible one (1) deacon must be ordain to help him, assist him at the Church. And also a Sunday School Teacher, for the childrens. The Pastor is eager to buy a lot, but financially incapable. He said, if the Mission wish to buy a lot, where to stablish a church building one of our member offer part of his lot with an area of about 200 square meter with an amount of not less than Twenty five Thousand (25,000.00) Pesos.

Monday, July 11, we decided to get a ride back to Bangued Abra. All members extended there thanks and wishes to continue praying for them.

Lastly, we express our thanks to God for his protection and guidance while we are on our travel back to our beloved place.

Bishop Antonio Paderes

Copy furnished: Bishop Jimmy Soriano (NCR)

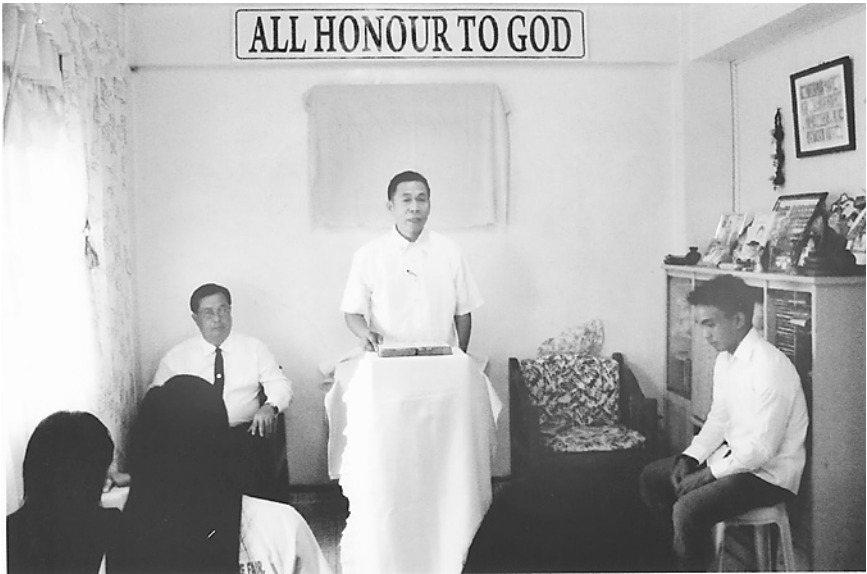
Bishop Delfin travelled to a new area of Santiago Esabela to help with the establishment of a new community. On the way he visited Baguio Community. He and those with him are so thankful for God's protection during these long and dangerous journeys.



Priest Godfredd, wife & grand children



Santiago Community



*Elder Bianan - Service
Baguio*



Baguio Community



*Priest Goddfredd & Bishop Delfin-
Santiago*

Bishop Jimmy also had a long trip during this time to Laoag, where he represented the Church at a three-day convention for CRASM to update on laws for families, marriages, birth registrations etc. There were 1,790 delegates from all walks of life. He then travelled on to Cagayan (new community) and on to Sta-Isabel another new work. Community needs were presented to the officers. On to Tabuk where Service is held by Deacon Silatok. An Officers Meeting was held at Kalinga district for a day. New community at San Francisco under the care of Deacon Banisal was visited. Batong Buhay Community under the care of Priest Guzman is growing.

Balatok Community had a set back because of tribal problems and was revived by Bishop visit. Dilaq Sapote Community under the care of Priest Eddie is also suffering from tribal problems but it is hoped things will settle as peace pact discussions continue. All are praying for peace. After combined Divine Service, travel to Santiago City for Divine Service in home of Priest Godo. It is a shanty 3.5 x 4 metres that they crush into for Divine Service. The next day located a larger house for rent so that the community can expand. All are very thankful. Then home again after eleven days travel.

Elder Wailito Bianan was hospitalised due to an asthma attack that saw his heart stop. The doctors were surprised that after prayer he came back to life. He is still recovering.

Tragedy struck the Philippines with two large typhoons sweeping across within days of each other causing loss of life, millions displaced, houses, buildings, and crops destroyed. Thankfully, no members lost their lives but many lost homes, possessions and crops. The Church at Victoria was blown away and many others had flood water through them. All members are rallying to help each other where they can. We all pray for a quick recovery. As they say over there "Only in the Philippines".

Retired Bishop Dagsi sent a poem to uplift during times of tribulation-

"If we cannot be a mighty mountain,

Then let us be a hill, and try to be a lovely hill.

If we cannot be a hill,

Then let us be a tree, and try to be a stately tree.

If we cannot be a tree,

Then let us be a shrub, and try to be a strong shrub.

If we cannot be a shrub,

Then let us be just a grass, but let us strive to be the most beautiful grass.

That way even the mighty mountain, the lovely hill, the stately tree, the strong shrub, cannot help, but look down on us,

Not with selfish pride, but with awesome wonder, not with resentment but with love.

Not with condescension, but with respect,

For we have done our best with whatever talent the Lord has given us,

And whatever he has placed us, and now we have come forth

Just as beautiful and lovely as any of God's creation."

These are words of wisdom.



Combined Service Tabuk Community