



BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Ministry/Personal Update

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"Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vine; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation." (Habakkuk 3:17,18)

Habakkuk must really be secure in his relationship with God to be able to say what he said in Habakkuk 3:17,18. There was virtually nothing going his way yet just having the Lord is enough reason for him to rejoice. How about me? Is my relationship with God that secure? Is that how I value my relationship with Him?

Since July this year, nothing

much has been going our way.

1) Our desktop computer has stopped working and we don't have the extra funds to have it fixed (so it is still not working up to this time);

2) Our car hit a cow right after typhoon Frank and it has not been working properly since;

3) My father got hospitalized 3 times – in September, in October, and he is still in the hospital up to the writing of this newsletter (and this drained our funds);

4) Our gift support is very low;

5) Angie and I have not been doing very well relationally (although we are doing relatively well lately already);

6) Our car has finally conked out and it is in the repair shop since November 24. The mechanic can not figure out how to fix the engine up to the time of this writing.

All these have taken a toll on us financially and emotionally. And we have nowhere to run to except God! And with the prophet Habakkuk we will have to make a decision to rejoice in the Lord and the God of our salvation!

Please remember us in your prayers as we keep trusting God for our daily needs. We are praying for a replacement car. How are we going to buy it? We don't know.

Please pray for wisdom for the students who are planning and leading the Summer Training Program for March 29–April 4, 2009.

Before you will conclude that absolutely nothing right is going our way, I would like to tell you that things are going well in the ministry. More and more students are joining in the Bible studies and the older students are leading these Bible studies. In UP in the Visayas, where there was only one male student involved in the ministry, there are seven now. I am working with the leaders closely, doing activities with the guys. We had our "all-guys night out" last Nov. 8 and 9. Then we had our all-guys basketball last Nov. 30. By the way, all these guys have never done any sports before and so, that "all-guys' basketball" was their first basketball game. On our afternoon meetings as we practice our caroling, I also introduce them to Frisbee and Softball. They are now quite proud to know at least three sports. We are planning to do bowling next. On top of these, I am praying that they will really grow to be men of God.

Other quite encouraging things are also happening in the ministry. Next year, on March 29 to April 4, the first summer training program completely ran by students will be held. The student STP director along with his committee heads are actively planning for the upcoming event. Please remember them in your prayers.

Thanks a lot for your partnership with us and in the ministry.

Have a Christ-filled Christmas!!!

In Christ,

Danny and Angie