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Philippines Report 1

from Larry Rankin in San Jose, Nueva Ecija

Greetings from the Philippines again. As usual, I met the requirements of the Philippines government. By filing an application for a visitor greeting. The Visa was approved by November 6 and by November 7 my passport was lost in the mail from San Francisco to Cashmere. It finally arrived in Cashmere on November 27.

Unfortunately, my flight was on November 21. We discovered the problem on November 19 and on the twentieth I was able to get a rush passport but not without a great deal of stress. The agent at the airport failed to notice that I lacked the Visa so, I made my flight. Still very stressful. But you can enter the Philippines without a visa for a 30-day stay, so I went to the immigration office in Manila. They researched the Visa and gave me a 29-day extension so that I have documentation and can continue my trip. Thank God. For helping me survive the saga.

I arrived in Manila on the 22nd and was met by Sister Apple Velasco. We went directly to Baseco Compound to the Macaraya home to deliver the heavy load of hymnals sent by the cashmere church. Then we went to Pasay to meet sister Godiva Banabatac. We spent the evening with her and early in the morning when her husband, Jerry arrived from work we had an hour to study with him answering his questions about how to defend his new Unitarian belief.

Then we traveled back to Baseco where visitors were already gathering for Bible study.

Bro Jessie Banig and Armylene as well as the Macarayas and the family of Ada Cassita.



Armylene asked for a review of topics to be understood before Baptism. We had an hour for that. Then after lunch, I taught the group about the plan of God for each age comparing how he tests individuals to answer the question...will people still sin during the millennium?

That was a four-hour discourse. Then the Jetlag caught up and I fell asleep at 6 pm.

On Sunday a larger group gathered. Burnadette from the Uddiawan church was there both days. Three young women from the church in Antique came. They work in the manila area, the Macarayas and Ada and family. Also Oscar and Carmen Ancheta's wit Sis Juvy Mina had been called to do a service in Bulacan near Manila and were able to attend with us. Brother Eduardo Mina came with his wife and two daughters. 15 and 18 years of age.

Questions included why will Satan be bound during the 1,000 year reign, what does Alpha and Omega mean, what is the explanation of John 17:3, and what happened to Ishmael.

We also reviewed the story of the Tabernacle and the temples with respect to when and how sacrifices are made both in the old and new testament times.

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Team in Palawan

It was a wonderful weekend with a comfortable stay in the room the church rents for meetings of these brethren who live in various parts of the city. Butch and Estrel fed everyone and their daughter Grace was very busy serving. More weekends like this are planned with other preachers visiting to do the teaching. The next will be December 6,7 with Bro Cyrus traveling from Mindanao. I slept early again and Monday morning went to immigrations to complete the requirements for my stay. Now I could Relax.

Then Apple and I traveled to Nueva Ecija. We spent the evening with the church families in Bliss (name of the village) and packed our bags for the next trip. Annie Malave and her daughter also met us there. On Tuesday morning with Sisters Annie, Jerrelyn Macatiag, and Apple we traveled north three hours to Solano, Nueva Viscaya. We met bro and sis. Percy and Joyce Infante and Sis Juvy Mina there. Later Sis Jelly Molina and Sis Maricel Respondo met up with us. We stayed for two nights in the village of Uddiawan with the church families. We made one visit to Santol to visit the Castil family and one to San Juan to have a bible study with the Aggasid family. The first evening we had a meeting in the small chapel. It was well attended and Jarah Infante asked the question, where will the wicked people be when God is on the earth. We reviewed Bible stories where God intervened with normal life on the earth such as the flood and the tower of Babel then God's plan for the destruction of the wicked before he starts to reside in the earth.

The second evening we met in the Infante home with three of the youth answering a multitude of questions for them.

The gathering of individuals from various congregations was a great opportunity for fellowship and time to explain how we will go about building up the relation of believers in other parts of the world to the Philippine brethren. We discussed logistics and plans for evangelism outreach and seminars to prepare teachers as well as Bible school activities for members and children.

Thursday morning, we all said goodbye and Jerrelyn, Apple, and I traveled back to San Jose. The evening was spent answering questions for the youth and talking about Baptism with a young woman, the niece of Jerrelyn. Sis Jane Alcantra helped with that. She is the teacher of the children herein Bliss. The next segment of our trip will be Manila area and Mindoro then on to Palawan.

Thank you for your prayers and responses. Christian Love, <u>Larry Rankin</u>





Pray for Iran! How are we making the truth available in Iran?



I read this in the Voice of Martyrs email that I get. So, I ask myself, and you, how are we making the truth available in Iran (or other Muslim countries, for that matter?

"Last month, the Iranian government suddenly raised gas prices and imposed gas rations on its citizens. Iranians were already suffering under runaway inflation, and the increase in gas prices pushed many over the edge. Iranians took to the streets in more than 100 cities, protesting the government's decisions and demanding change.

"In the Islamic Republic of Iran, the government IS Islam. The mullahs who run the country say they are doing so according to perfect Islamic principles, so many of those expressing outrage at their government are also rejecting Islam and seeking something better."

Protests and violence are costing thousands of lives today, and only having a trinitarian option for Christianity could be costing many lives in the age to come.

Here is a SPECIAL REPORT they put out. Please pray for God's saving truths to be available to those searching for the One True God in Iran. https://www.persecution.com/publ.../pdfs/IranSpeci alReport.pdf (And if you read it, you will see that they need to hear the truth about who Jesus is!)

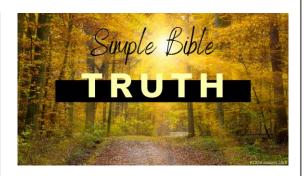
(Photo - Students at the Qom Islamic Seminary, the largest in Iran, are indoctrinated with hardline Shiite ideology.)



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