

Dear Pastor, Church Family & Friends,

June - August 2020

My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay; Though some may dwell where these abound, my prayer, my aim, is higher ground.

I want to live above this world, though satan's darts at me are hurled; for faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on higher ground.

These two lines from our Baptist Hymnal; should be the reflection of every Bible Believing Christian living in these last days. While many Churches are now facing persecution for opening their doors, we thank God for our liberty to meet together. Without the grace and mercy of the Lord, and the prayers of His people, this Newsletter would not be possible. We trust this will encourage your hearts as a result of your faithful prayers and giving.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.... The carport was finally completed. This will provide a much needed shelter from the rain and sun, along with a safe and dry place for loading and unloading during the rainy season. We were also able to tile our kitchen/fellowship room and the patio area which provides an overflow area for seating. In addition to these improvements my Mother-in-law beautified the Church grounds with her landscaping skills.

MINISTRY TRAINING.... Our young people have stepped up to go through a three month program designed to prepare Sunday School teachers for children. We have four teen girls rotating by two's every other week. My wife will continue to monitor them for awhile, but so far they are doing a great job!

Two of our Elder Men are consistently teaching on Wednesday Nights and Brother RR is now teaching the New Believers Class. This Class is designed to teach Eternal Security and Believer's Baptism. There are several now attending. We are rejoicing for these New Converts and their willingness to follow the Lord in Water Baptism at the end of September.

PRAYER REQUESTS.... Friends Sunday on September 20th. Our theme is taken from John 15:13.. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his FRIENDS" Please pray with us for the Message and many first time attenders.

>>> Fence and gate repairs surrounding the Church property. Hard to believe it's been nearly two years since construction.

>>> Brother RR planning to attend Bible College or On-line courses.

>>> A qualified Pastor willing to assist and work closely with me in preparation to take over the Church by next year.

>>> Health and Safety of our family

>>> Travel restrictions to be lifted enabling our survey trip Of Don Salvador Benedicto, Negros

Occidental. (site for a possible new church plant)

>>> For Tim & Matt's New School Format and for quarantine restrictions to be lifted allowing them to go out again.

### BLESSINGS....

>>> God's continued provisions

>>> Church Growth

>>> The well being of our family in spite of this PLANdemic

>>> Freedom to Worship

>>> The several souls saved and willing to follow the Lord in Believers Baptism

Praise God for your faithful support,

Your Missionaries to the Philippines,  
The Shaffer Family

