

PHILIPPINE FRONT

Monthly Update

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THANKSGIVING



Remember the little piggy (above) shown last month that was used in a chase on our 9-month celebration? Well, he didn't go to market; he was on our Thanksgiving table, along with many other wonderful dishes prepared by our team ladies.

We managed to find turkey as well and enjoyed a great day of fun and feasting as our staff families came together.



Tasted much better than it looks.

In about 6 weeks, International Baptist Church at Dumaguete will celebrate her first anniversary. We are excited about where God is taking us. I know it is probably "over used," but I believe that all we do here in the Philippines is, to you who support our ministry, "fruit to your account." As our team, along with you, celebrated Thanksgiving Day, I thought it was only appropriate to give you some more reasons to be grateful to our Saviour.

This past week, I was in Cebu looking for something that cannot be made in Dumaguete. While I was there, I was able to visit briefly with Dr. Armie Jesalva, the pastor who for many years has pastored the Bible Baptist Church started by Missionary Bob Hughes. Dr. Jesalva knew that we started a church in Dumaguete and said that he was certain it would be a soul-winning church when he heard that we were from Hyles-Anderson College and First Baptist Church of Hammond. He told me that there has not been a strong soul-winning church in Dumaguete, to which I replied, "There is one now!" According to Dr. Jesalva, men have attempted to start Baptist churches here in the past but have not stayed. By God's grace and your continued prayer and support, we wish to change that. In fact, not only do we plan to keep a soul-winning church here, but, from here, we plan to multiply. We are thankful for where God has led us and for the work He is doing in Dumaguete!

We are also thankful for the dozens of fervent soul winners God has allowed us to train since coming here. This past week our soul winners led more than 125 souls to Christ. We are thankful for the nearly 3,600 souls that have been saved already this year as a result of the soul-winning efforts of our people. We are thankful for the 257 believers that have been baptized so far this year; by God's grace, we've not had a Sunday yet without the waters being stirred. We are thankful for the growth of our people, many of whom have been actively memorizing Scripture, serving in our church, and winning souls to Christ at work and school.

We are thankful even for the trials that have come to our church that are causing our people to grow stronger and to learn to trust God even more. I can say as the Apostle Paul, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." We are gearing up for 2012 and ask that you continue to pray as we anticipate much more for which to be thankful.

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Statistics

THIS MONTH	
Saved:	368
Baptized:	15
2011 TOTALS	
Saved:	3,567
Baptized:	257



Theo Espada, one of our staff children, ready to share in these scrumptious desserts!



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