

PHILIPPINE FRONT

Monthly Update

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3 MONTH CELEBRATION

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH

HONORING LOCAL GOVERNMENT

On March 6, 2011, International Baptist Church at Dumaguete honored area barangay captains. The seven who came to our services, some with family and staff, received a Bible, an award of appreciation from our church, and other gifts.

We had 101 in church that morning! There were 8 baptized on this special day. A couple of the barangay captains have revisited our church since this particular service.



Three months ago, this Sunday, we had our Grand-Opening Services. When we came to Dumaguete, we did not know anyone here; there was nobody here to help us get a church started, and nobody here was asking for us to come. However, we believed that it was the place that God had for us, and from the first day until now, His hand has been evident and obvious in what is taking place. I say it often, and it is catching on, "God is working in Dumaguete!"

How else can you explain how that in only three months, complete strangers can become such close friends? There is no explanation for what has transpired except that the Spirit of God bears witness with our spirits that we are the children of God! We have made wonderful friends, but we've added many brothers and sisters in Christ also.

International Baptist Church has been, in many ways, a proving ground that what we were taught works and that God can do amazing things if we will get serious about His business! We've been serious about laying a foundation which is poised for growth. Growth numerically? Of course. But we're looking long-term, and we expect that God is going to grow us outwardly... worldwide. In laying this foundation, we've decided not to start with running transportation to bring people to church. The Philippines is not short on vehicles, and the Philippines is not short on merchandise. Even people here seem to find a way to get where they want to go and to spend on what they choose to spend.

Our attendances have been steady and steadily growing. We've not had a Sunday yet without visitors or baptisms. The number of soul winners on Saturday mornings is growing; it is not uncommon now that upward of 50% of our Sunday attendance is soul winning on Saturday. Our members are winning others on their own, and the excitement is growing. Our people are finding ways to get others to church; one young man is praying for a "big car" so he can bring many people... soon we'll have to start running transportation as a way to "use our work to build our people!" Time and space will not allow me to tell of all the incredible stories taking place.

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH	
Statistics	
THIS WEEK	
Saved:	77
Baptized:	18
Sunday School:	105
A.M. Service:	184
P.M. Service:	63
Mid-Week:	55
2011 TOTALS	
Saved:	812
Baptized:	78

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