

PHILIPPINE FRONT

Monthly Update

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Our church music program continues to improve. While Bro. John Felt has done a great job with our adult choir, Bro. Mike Morrissey has been working with the children. They've sung their first special in church, and we're looking forward to the next.

Bro. and Mrs. Jason MacRae are working with a ladies group and a new teen choir. How wonderful to hear these young people sing for the Lord!



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Sometimes it is hard to remember that we're dealing with baby Christians when we see such tremendous growth on a daily basis. Certainly, children do things that remind us they are children, but still we rejoice in lessons learned and the growth we witness. Spiritual growth is spiritual maturity, and the evidences are spiritual fruit. Spiritual fruit can come in many shapes and sizes, and we're seeing that, here in the Philippines, among the members of International Baptist Church.

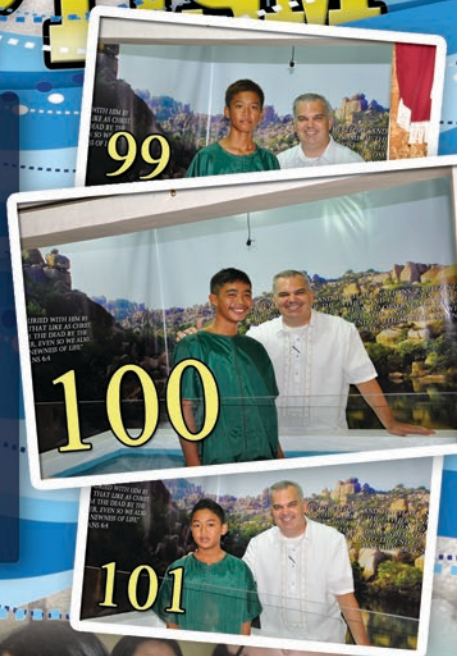
We are watching our people grow in their faithfulness to church services. For more and more of them, it is becoming less of a matter of "if we have time" and more a matter of "it is where we spend our time."

We are watching our people grow in their relationship with other believers. Especially among our youth, we are seeing friendships form in which (continued...)

100th BAPTISM

This Sunday, May 29, 2011, International Baptist Church at Dumaguete baptized its 100th person! What an exciting event for a church barely 4 months old. Since the church's Grand Opening on January 16, 2011, we have not had a Sunday without someone being baptized.

In a predominantly Catholic country, where many are strictly warned not to get baptized, we rejoice that these believers of Jesus Christ have made their faith publicly known by following the example of Jesus Christ and openly professing their new found faith in Christ.



INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH PRAYER ITEM:

Beginning this Tuesday, May 31, 2011, we will start the first 10-week session of classes in our church Bible institute. Classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7pm-9pm. We are expecting more than a dozen of our church folk, young and old, to be in the institute. Our prayer is that this institute will lead into a college next year about this time.



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