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Dear Friends & Family,

First of all, on behalf of Brother Sam and Narrow Way Ministries, thank you very much for all of your prayers and support in sending us to the Philippines this past May. It was a glorious and very fruitful trip. The purpose of the trip was to start two new Narrow Way Bible Colleges and that is what we accomplished by the grace of God. For those that supported this trip, you have a part in the eternal reward God is doing over there.

We were there ministering about ten days. We had the privilege of ministering at a youth conference and many of the local churches in Davao City, Philippines and in every place we went, we were well received. God really knitted our hearts with not only many of the pastors there, but the precious sheep as well. Many people got saved and filled with the Holy Ghost throughout the week as well as many got prophetic words that brought great deliverance in their lives.

But what stood out the most was how when the Word of God was taught line upon line, the response was overwhelming. Many of the people there did not even own their own bible. Precious Rena Sims graciously donated hundreds of bibles to many of the young adults there. The highlight for me was watching the women become liberated as the Word of God was taught. Brother Sam shared on women in ministry in one of the morning teachings. Most of them never heard a word like that before. Because of the culture there, many of the women didn't know this. Many times they sat in the back during meetings while the men did everything. But of course that all changed when Brother Sam came. After simply sharing some basic Scripture on the calling of God for women in the Bible, they all flooded the altar. Many of them were in tears because they always felt a call from God, but were never allowed to come forth. Here is one testimony from one of the sisters in the meeting. She wrote us a note afterwards and this is what she said:

*Pastor Sam, Hello, I am so blessed that the Lord let me hear your voice and to hear your preaching. You are such a blessing to all of us. It is not an accident. I know God has a plan now. Thank you for making me realize that being a woman is really a great blessing from God because I really didn't appreciate being a woman at first because I always see men preaching. I really thought that it is not good to preach for me because I am a girl. I really thank God for letting you come because He really gave us a great privilege to feel also your anointing and the presence of God. I know you stepping in our church is not an accident..."*

Many of the other women had similar testimonies. It was beautiful beyond words to see so many women made free by the Word of God. This is why we came, to teach the Word of God. Now we have two running Bible Schools. Pastor Rick Conrad was sent from Jacksonville, FL and now resides in Davao City, Philippines heading up the schools. Rick has been there for three weeks now and here is his report:

*We just finished our first 3 weeks. They are so hungry and excited. God has moved here in their lives. You can already see a change in their worship and just the way they talk now. He is so faithful. We took them to the hot springs last*

*week where none of them had ever been even though it is only 4 hours away. While there, we water baptized 3 more of the students and then this past Tuesday, 2 more got filled with the Holy Ghost.*

*There was one specific thing that I thought you might want to share with the people there. The Friday before school started we went to the airport and picked up a brother and sister.(Actual) He is 15 and she is 11. They were raised in a seaside fishing village that is a couple of hours away via plane. They have never left their village before, they have never been on a plane before. Rod, the brother spent his life going out to sea every day fishing to help the family with food. They heard about the school through Dom and Violetta and the parents asked them if they would like to go and they said yes. They were 2 of the ones water baptized and baptized in the Holy Ghost. You would think by looking at them that they have lived here all their lives. They just came and fit in. We have 12 people living at the school not including myself, Dom and Violetta. Just one big Narrow Way family. I miss you Jacksonville and the worship and the word, but I don't think I would trade this time, this experience and watching God develop young men and women of God for anything.*

Glory to God! This is just the beginning the work God has us doing in the Philippines. Thank you for your support and prayers. Jesus is Precious!

*Brother Andrew*