

Island Gospel Ministries

Bohol – Philippines

News & Prayer – Jan-May 2019

Dear Friends & Prayer Partners

To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Challenges arose as we began 2019, but by God's sustaining grace we continue to do what He entrusted us for the expansion of His kingdom & for His glory.

A faithful member of the Board of Trustees & Bible Trainer of the pastors, Ptr. Max Caindo, was suddenly stricken by a terminal sickness. Not long after that, the wife of Ptr. Absalon of Jagoliao Island, Angeling, was hospitalized with a severe respiratory infection.

Though we can't understand the situation sometimes, we trusted the Lord for His perfect plan. His gospel continued spreading to the lost ones and fishers of men gathered a good harvest of souls coming to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Every summer, during the months of April & May, the most highlighted ministry is the Youth Summer Mission. This year, 176 young people, aged 16 years and above, were trained and commissioned to outreach children around the islands of Bohol, sharing the gospel of Jesus, teaching God's Word, & showing God's love to over 1,000 little ones.



Youth Summer Mission thru Vacation Bible School



Ptr. Jessie Bacante (a former sponsored student at IGM) sharing the gospel with island youngsters.



We praise God for the fruit He is giving from our VBS ministry over the years.



Ptr. Edgar at Jao Island baptizing 12 young people. All of these first heard the gospel as children during VBS.

In May, church members from different islands came together for the annual Island Churches Joint Circuit Fellowship at Galilee. Over 200 church members attended the fellowship! It was such a lovely time of fellowship, encouragement, and prayer.



Pastors and men in a group bible study.



Island women with Ate Millie

We have just begun another year of dorm discipleship ministry for island high schoolers. This school year, 2019-2020, we have 30 students – 9 boys & 21 girls – living in our Admin dorm in Talibon.



Student Parent Orientation

We praise the Lord that 26 of our dorm students are now sponsored. We are so thankful for our faithful sponsors.



Angelina (left) is a Grade 10 student from Maomawan Island. She was saved when she was 10 years old. She doesn't know her real father, and she only met her real mother when she was in Grade 3. Because she was an unwanted child, she was adopted by an old childless couple at birth. When she was in grade 8, her adopted mother died. She lives with her 64 year old adopted father. She is now an honor student at school.

Ramil (above right) is a Grade 8 student from Tahongtahong Island. He is the 7th of 10 siblings. He is the only one in the family to attend high school. His parents, as well as most of his siblings, cannot read or write. His family was used by drug syndicates. He was saved last year.

What a wonderful God to let us meet these ones and have a part in letting them know about His love & care!

A time to mourn... On May 11, our dear friend and co-worker, Ptr. Max, died. On the day of Ptr. Max's burial, May 15, Angeling (Ptr. Absalon's wife) also died.



Ptr. Max Caindoy on May 11 joined His Creator

...and a time to dance. We celebrated God's goodness and grace in granting our students and staff good success in their academic achievements.



Angel – our only Grade 12 Graduate this year.



**Marycris' Graduated
as Cum laude**

Marycris, a former dorm student from Tahongtahong Island, graduated from Cebu University with Honours.



Mother (Master's Degree) & Son (Preschool Graduate)

What a blessing to have these amazing achievements in between the chaotic times! It's surely because He is God of all time. Thank you so much and may the Lord God bless you.

In God's Vineyard,
Junjun, Cara & IGM Ministry Team

Prayer Concerns:

- Spiritual discernment for our Pastors
- Ptr. Max's family & Ptr. Absalon's family
- 2019-2020 Student ministry.
- Follow up after VBS 2019 & Youth camps
- Plans for school idea at admin
- Wisdom, Guidance, and Strength for the IGM leadership
- Plans & Preparations for a group visiting from Australia in November.

Praises:

- Cara's Thesis on *Family Communication & Risky Behavior of Junior Students* for completion of Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Bohol
- Our successful Graduates
- Successful summer activities

PS from Steve & Grace.

We have been home in Australia for the past 5 months and are so thankful for the opportunities we've had to visit many of you. We are thankful for our Ministry Team who are carrying on the work and we appreciate Cara's efforts in putting this newsletter together after a very busy summer. Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers and support for this ministry.

God bless.

Steve & Grace.

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