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Greetings in the name of Jesus christ,

Brethren, while I was in the town of EL-NIDO and TAYTAY, in the north for preaching the Gospel, I received a message from my dear wife because our sister was in the hospital and asked for help, so when I arrived they visited me in the hospital, but she with great problem,

I write this letter in behalf of our sister Kristal Sapi, faithful member at pinuwasan church, was confined at Berachah Hospital on May 10-12 2018, she asks for help for her hospital bills, because she has no payment, this sister's condition is very difficult, my beloved Brethren, if you have enough funds please help her to lighten his burden in the present and serve God without any hindrance in his life, let us consider these things, and we will wait for your response to this sister's problem, here are pictures, the 4 first pictures our sister kristal sapi, and the rest our preaching in the north,

other hand,

our preaching in the north on May 7-11 2018, has been successful, we have successfully reached the brothers there and strengthened their faith when it was a long time they did not serve God because nobody was preaching there, but now there is one who will keep the Lord's work there Jonathan Arias a preacher, start the work there this coming May 20 2018, we have not wasted long time preaching there, thank God and now their faith will be awakened to continued serve God as believers in that area, in fact a maiden received the lord and express her faith and was baptized after our preaching at a brother's home, brother Arias performed the baptism, may God will bless us all,

your Brother in christ  
sammy cabansa

June 8, 2018  
Prescott church of Christ

Dear Brethren in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ, hope and pray this finds you all well as you continue in the service of the Lord. My foot is still aching, my wife and children are doing better and thanking God for His Goodness. Our weather became hot and hotter now crops like rice, are drying fast.

The Lord's work here at Locon church of Christ goes all well, we continue teach and preach, visit the brethren especially those sick and weak. We conducted home bible studies as well as knocking doors. Our attendance were good each Lord's Day as we worship our heavenly Father. The same work done at Mantalong church of Christ. I preached to several congregations this month in different localities. I preached at Macagua church once and in Samariniana church of Christ, then at Tagpinasao church of Christ. May first, we have preaching work at Sabasaban church of Christ where 2 precious souls were immersed.

Outside Brooke's Point town.

On May 7-11, 2018, with bro. Sammy Cabansa, we have a preaching travel to northern Palawan, particularly at El Nido and Taytay town as well. El Nido is located in Northwest end of the island while Taytay on the North East end of the island, having distance of more or less 900 kilometers round trip, some roads were rough and up and downs in the mountains areas. There was no sound congregation in El Nido, our purpose of coming there to look for a family who moved there, this family of Salcedo-Jun and his wife are members of the church and through them we could start a new work there in El Nido. We arrived at their home and on May 8 and stayed there for two days and conducted a bible studies to strengthen their faith to the Lord. After meeting to other contact we traveled to Taytay town and met the brethren there, unfortunately, our bro. Dario, got an accident just only few kilometers to our destination. We thank God that he only got bruises and no serious wounds or fractures. On the 11th, we preached there at Taytay and converted the 15 year old daughter of brother Mike Garcia. He and his wife along their son wee already members of the church. We also visited some brethren and also have the time to visit the place where they planned to build their meeting house. We are so glad to see and met the brethren in those far away places.

After our preaching travel in northern Palawan, there were several places are waiting for us to come. May 18, my wife and I along some brothers came to Iniaran church of Christ in the town of Espanola, where 3 precious souls obeyed the gospel of the Lord. On May 23, we were at Aramaywan church of Christ, in the town of Narra for another gospel meeting, where 4 souls immersed after the study.

My daughter, on May 24th, my wife myself and our daughters went to the island of Cebu, about 1 hour by plane and 5 hours by land and bring there our daughter Jessa for her review and help her locate a faithful congregation where she can meet for every Lord's Day while she will stay there for 6 months till she can take a board exam. May 28, I came to Aramaywan 2 in the town of Narra, the brethren there requested me to solemnized their marriage to their home. May 29, I came to SAMarinana, for another wedding ceremony at their home. May 31, Lord's Willing, I will be at Iniaran in the town of Espanola for another wedding.

This June, school classes will start and our two daughters once again will be in school during school days. As expected also that there is much work to be done once again during that moth. Once again, my wife and I, are expressing our heartfelt thanksgiving for all your prayers and also the financial support. There were more brethren in different places were asking me to come, they also share their news to us, the hard living because of poor harvest or none because of the weather. Please continue to pray for us as we also do for you in public and in private. Sometimes, I tears for my foot pains, please pray for me. May God will continue bless you all.

Brotherly,  
Jonathan Sapitula

Dear Bro. Mark and brethren in Christ

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Once again, my wife Shirley and I, wish to greet you all in the precious name of Jesus Christ, hope things goes all well with you all and you all in good health as you continue in the services of the Master in heaven. One thing, I would like to thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for the Lord's work here at Pangobilian & Tigaplan congregation.

It is good to once again to send you my report for the month of August, September & October, our work goes all well for the month, I did regularly my efforts on teaching & preaching for the two congregation. I was able to attend the Gospel Meeting at Aramaywan II last October 6-7, 2017 together with my co – preachers here in Palawan.

I include in this report concerning the song books. I already received the \$400 for the song books and also my monthly support from you. The song books is still on the process of printing & binding.

As I close this report, our thoughts and prayers are with you all my beloved brethren in Christ at Prescott. We thank God for the help that you gave to us for the song books. Thank you very very much for the prayers and financial support for the Lord's work.

Your fellow servant in Christ,

Wilfredo Estiandan  
Pangobilian church of Christ

# TOP MONTHLY REPORT

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**BOTSWANA**  
**AFRICA**  
EVANGELISM

## JULY 2018

### SANKOYO UNTAMED



**T**he Moremi will always have a special place in my heart. It is here in northern Botswana, where the elephants are very wild, the vistas are endless and the bushmen open to the gospel.

John and I broke camp under a vast starlight sky, the morning cool with the smell of potato bush. My memories are of the countless Lechwe appearing from the mist at sunrise as we traveled the dusty road toward the village of Sankoyo.

A heartfelt thanks for the travel funds and Tswana Bibles as John and I re-enter the Okavango Delta of Botswana.



Queuing up at Xaushaha Lagoon



Gaophosa Sankoyo Chief



Eager to experience the new birth

### 38 BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST

Arriving in Sankoyo, John warns me that the village leaders do not like outsiders and that I should not be surprised if we are unable to preach. We wait several hours at the police station until it's our time to approach the Chief. Without even raising his eyes to look at us, the Chief tells us we will be given fifteen minutes to address the village as several important meetings and events are scheduled throughout the day. Introducing the Theme of the Bible, the conversion of the Ethiopian in Acts 8 is described in a vivid detailed account. With the Chief looking at his watch, fifteen minutes comes and goes. Teaching continues for another 45 minutes, concluding with the Chief making an announcement that the schedule has been cleared. All events for the afternoon have been cancelled and those who desire to make the two-hour return trip to be baptized into Christ have his blessing. In the very last load I look to the back and it's my new friend, Gaophosa the Chief, all smiles eager to experience the new birth. With the sun setting in my rear view mirror, we make our way back to camp, praising God for the 38 precious souls who rendered obedience to the Gospel.



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To the elders,

It's been particularly busy here, especially with work in the office. The church decided that it would be a good idea to update the tracts we have in the back of the building with tracts that I can make up. This was good, in that, it makes the tracts more personal to all of us, making them more useable to give to friends and neighbors. So I've been working on these tracts and putting them out as I finish them. I've attached several of them to this email if you'd like to see. I found some nice tri-fold brochure paper at Walmart, which made them look nice when I printed them on my inkjet printer. I have quite of few more topics that I want to put out into tracts that I'm still working on. Once the tracts where placed in the back of the building, I preached a few lessons geared toward seeking the lost. I've noticed some of the members already putting them to good use, and that is encouraging. In time, we may see the fruits of this.

I also put together a new workbook for Sunday morning class, which we began last Sunday. The brethren wanted a study on the Old Testament prophecies of Jesus, so that is what we started on last Sunday. In sermons, I've tried to keep a good balance of subject matters, but also trying to focus more on attitudes; which is applicable to the group right now, in that, we have had to deal with a couple of matters of discipline in the last couple of months, which turned out well, but much of this could have been prevented with a Christ-like attitude, and all of it could have been more easily resolved if there were Christ-like behavior. So in the lessons, my goal has been to show that Christ has a better way than handling things according to how we were taught of the world.

I truly appreciate your continued support, it brings much encouragement.

Brotherly,

Tanner Campbell

## Phillips in Cambodia

4/30/18

Hello –

Greetings from Phnom Penh! I trust your weather there is warming up and the flowers are blooming.. We have survived another April here. April is the hottest month in this region, and we are always wary of its arrival. But somehow, each year it has seemed to be a little less drastically hot than the year before. Hopefully, we are acclimating. But with that hope, I do know that if we ever have another April like our first April here, we are going to be sorely disappointed. The reward for getting through April is the beginning of the rainy season. Officially, rainy season began this past Saturday. There are more overcast skies now, and the resulting temperature doesn't quite have the intensity it did a month ago.

Our normal Bible studies are continuing with the young people from our neighborhood on Sundays and with Limhour on Fridays. In our Sunday studies, we originally went through the first half of Genesis, then covered the life of Jesus and parts of Acts. We then returned to the Old Testament and covered Joseph through Moses, leaving the Israelites ready to cross the Jordan and enter the Promised Land. In the sixteen months since that point, we have been studying the life of Christ again, but at a more detailed level. Amy is the only student who has been here consistently throughout all that time. She remembers names and details from the earlier studies, which is encouraging. The students seem to be understanding the greater level of detail and grasping a bit more of the significance of the Biblical events. We will arrive at the crucifixion this next Sunday, and it appears to me that they have a sense of the injustice that is being perpetrated against Jesus during the last week of his life. Their increasing understanding is encouraging to us. Please pray for the continuing growth of their understanding and belief in Jesus.

Regarding our studies with Limhour on Fridays, we have been working our way slowly through Luke. We are about half-way through the book, and we think she is beginning to have a better feel for who Jesus is. Limhour already knows the outline of the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, so we decided last week to take a detour and spend some time with her in the book of Acts. She has asked some questions that make us think she may be trying to picture what it really looks like to be a Christian and what effect that has on day-to-day living. We hope that the examples of the Christians in Acts will help her to start to fill in that picture.

We started this past week with the latter part of Acts 2. One item that kept coming up in our discussion was the corporate nature of the disciples. They were not lone individuals following Jesus, but part of a larger group similar to a family.. This is an important concept here, where Buddhism and family are strongly woven together. The sense of family here is strong, and many of the most significant special events for families to do together are tied to Buddhist (or animistic) religious celebrations, offerings, and

holidays. Because of these ties, a person who has any interest in following Jesus is naturally going to be concerned about the effect it will have on their relationship with their family. It would be easy to conclude that by following Jesus, they are going to be alone, excluded from their family. We were glad to see Limhour seeing the group concept inherent in verse 41 ("Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them."), as the new believers were added to the existing believers. But then it was really wonderful as we discussed verse 42 ("And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."). The Khmer phrase that translates "fellowship" has embedded in it the Khmer word for "together". Limhour latched on to that word and noted its significance. Later, when she was summarizing verse 42, she applied that word to every verb in verse 42: "They studied together, they had fellowship together, they broke bread together, and they prayed together." Amen! May it ever be so among God's people!

Limhour recently shared with us that she has had a problem with her liver for a while. From what she described, I think she is talking about hepatitis, contracted from a blood transfusion she received in surgery years ago. We are pleased that she felt comfortable telling us about her illness, but we are much more pleased that this situation has led to her sudden interest in me praying to our gracious God on her behalf at the beginning of our studies. Please join us in praying for Limhour's health, that her medication will be effective (counterfeit meds are common here), and that the test results for which she is currently waiting will show improvement in her liver condition. And certainly, please be praying for her to continue to get to know her heavenly Father. I have included a photo of Limhour and her sons so you can have an idea of who you are praying for.

In Christ,

Mike

Phillips



Arizona Report  
June 15, 2018

I am reminded of two songs that fit in with my work at this time.

### **Far and Near**

I live in the Phoenix area, but my work stretches from Phoenix north to Flagstaff, (2 ½ hours north of Phoenix), south below Tucson, and even across the country in many ways.

As near as one block over from where I live, I am studying with a Hispanic couple. Rick has been dealing with Leukemia over the past 6 months. I have been helping him through some of the issues he is dealing with, but have been able to have some Bible studies with him also. Yesterday, he was out riding his bicycle, trying to regain some strength. He happened to pass by my house when I was outside. As we were talking, he said, "I really want to get back to our discussion on baptism." We have now set up a study next week to continue that discussion.

In all, I have been able to reach out to 3 other families in the neighborhood with opportunities to study. Pray that these studies will also lead beyond just the basics.

This year, I have been able to add 60 new contacts to the Bible devotional I send out via text. All of these are people I meet in various places throughout the day. They range from millennials, to those asking for financial help, to atheists, to those too busy with work on Sunday to go anywhere for worship. Several of these have resulted in Bible studies beyond just the text devotional.

Yesterday, I was asked to reach out to a man in prison in Tucson. I was excited for this opportunity, and will be establishing a relationship, both with the prison and with this individual. He has obeyed the gospel, but needs some encouragement. I will certainly do all I can in that regard.



A city south of Tucson has also appeared on my radar, where I was asked to visit with the congregation and set up a possibility of preaching every 4-5 Sundays. At the time, I was not able to go, but hopefully, in the future I will have another opportunity.

### **Seeking the Lost**

The work that I am doing in Flagstaff is literally on a mountain. The elevation in Flagstaff is 7,000 ft. This work has been both encouraging and discouraging at the same time.

The discouraging part is that a family I had hoped would be able to come and work with me there has decided they were going to go elsewhere. It is actually a good thing for this family, but I will certainly miss the opportunity to work with them in Flagstaff. I am currently looking for a man who could move to the Flagstaff area, preferably with a family, to help in establishing a congregation there. Due to my wife's health conditions, we are not able to make the move to Flagstaff. Summer time would be fine, but she is not able to take the cold weather.

Though not discouraging, I am finding it difficult to locate a meeting place. I had hoped the public-school system would be a good possibility. Right now, it appears to be a very expensive proposition, as they want a \$2,000,000 insurance bond before they will even discuss letting me use their facilities. A better location may be a room on the campus of Northern Arizona University. When students return in August, I plan on pursuing that option, but in the meantime, am continuing to search for other location possibilities.

On the encouraging side is the number of people who are interested in the Bible and having studies with me. When I first planned to try to start this work in Flagstaff, I got a lot of discouraging comments, such as, "a church had been there years ago, and it didn't last", or "the town and the university are too liberal." I basically ignored those negative comments, and set out to meet people, pass out brochures, and in general spread the word.

I have 4 students on the campus of NAU that I am studying with, and several more, I hope to start studies with in August. Outside of the campus, there are several studies that are set up, and will start as soon as I am able. (See below for explanation).

Door knocking is one method of making contacts, although not the most preferred. Meeting people on the street, in their offices, or in locations where people

congregate, works a whole lot better in developing contacts to study with. I do both. I have not done any advertising, due to the expense of doing so at this time. (See below for explanation).

I have developed a contact in Williams who is trying to start a work in that area, which is about 30 miles west of Flagstaff. We have talked about helping each other in spreading the gospel.

The Lord has blessed me with wonderful opportunities to teach the gospel, and I am thankful for these opportunities today. I was blessed to be raised in a Christian family, and I am a debtor to take God's message to all I can today.

### **Health Issues**

Several weeks ago, I began having back and leg problems. An MRI of my lower back showed some issues with my discs, though, fortunately none are ruptured. The doctors are now thinking there is a connection with some bladder issues I am also experiencing, and are planning a series of tests over the next month to determine if there is a connection, and how best to treat these issues. They have placed me under the care of a Physical Therapist, and I am hoping that will help.

While this has limited my work (driving mostly), the doctors are optimistic that the issues can be dealt with, without surgery, and I should be back in full swing soon.

### **Financial Issues**

At the beginning of the year I lost \$2,600 in support. I was able to replace \$1,300 in January, but have not been able to replace the additional amount. Since January I have been \$1,300 short each month. This has put a strain on us.

Due to Karen's health situation, our insurance to cover her is amounting to \$1,775.00 per month. With her medical expenses, we are paying over \$2,000.00 each month.

### **Summary**

Overall, I am excited about the studies and opportunities I have. When talking to people, I get very little kickback. Most of the time, they are open to talking and not turned off to hearing the good news of Jesus Christ. Flagstaff also opens some opportunities on the Navajo Nation, and other Native American reservations. God has put me where I need to be in spreading His word, and I am thankful for His leading me.

To Him belongs all the glory.

Jim Thayer