

Bacolod City ...

With all the attention on Don Salvador, some have wondered what is happening in the Bacolod City Church. **It is alive, well, and strong!**



The purpose of the Bacolod church is to act as the headquarters for the ministry and the beginning point of our missions outside of Bacolod City.

We conduct a Sunday morning service; a Wednesday evening Bible study and a Friday evening youth group.

We are blessed with a core group of ministry minded people who work hard to ensure the success of the Bacolod City and Don Salvador outreaches.

CONTAGIOUS TRUTH ...

The youth of the Bacolod City church refer to themselves as “The Contagious Truth ...”

Vanessa worked with the youth extensively prior to her departure to Hawaii, and deserves accolades for building the youth group from ground zero to what you see below.



Wednesday evening we conduct a Bible study for the Bacolod group in our home. Afterwards we share a fellowship meal ... normally chicken adobo!

You can refer to our April newsletter on our website to see a schedule of what we are involved in ... it can get a little busy sometimes.



The events remain the same, but you will see some schedule changes.

WHY DO WE DRIVE FIFTY KILOMETERS TO THE CHURCH?

Because he **walks nearly three kilometers** over rolling hills and through two streams to come to church.

His name is Carlo and **he is 63 years old**. He and his wife make the journey each Tuesday and Saturday to the church in Don Salvador.

The basket on his head?

That is their offering. He brings squash, lemon grass, peppers, tomatoes ... literally the first fruits of the land.

What an encouragement to us to see people this dedicated to the mission of the ministry in the mountains!



To the left you see the congregants giving thanks for the meal.

We serve between 150-200 nutritional meals each week in Don Salvador.

LEAD US UP THE MOUNTAIN ...

The bulk of our missions work is done in of Don Salvador. It is tucked away in the mountains, and it takes a dependable vehicle to get there.



Our vehicle was kicking and screaming all the way up, and in no uncertain terms was letting us know that it only had a few more trips left inside of it.

We listed our need, and you responded. **For this we are grateful!**

We typically transport 7-8 ministry team members up to three times a week to the mountain church. The addition of this vehicle is a huge benefit to what we do in the field and will increase our capability.

We are not serving on the mission field because of great faith, but we are learning great faith because we are serving here ...

FROM THE PASTOR

The Bacolod City church is our **watering hole**, and we enjoy having service in the heart of the city each Sunday morning. We do not focus much on this church in newsletters because the members of this church do not focus on themselves. They are occupied with **servicing others** and use the Bacolod church as a base of operation for their service.

It is not a large church by western standards, (**considered average locally**) but it is a strong church filled with people that **will not quit no matter the challenges**.



I know, because they have been through a few with us and they have **proven their mettle**. For those in the pastorate, you understand **how valuable good team members are** to the ministry work ... we have a great team in Bacolod City!

We were blessed this week with an upgraded vehicle. This is a huge benefit to the ministry work. We are speechless, and can only mutter a feeble “thank you”.

You read it earlier in the newsletter ... **We not here because of great faith, but we are certainly learning great faith by being here.**

Thank you for being part of that!

Todd D. Caplinger

Missionary to the Philippines

Would you like to contribute to the work being done in the Philippines?

Living on the field - (account M423)

Contributions enabling the sustainment of **the missionary and family should be marked with “M423”**. These contributions allow the family to maintain a household on the mission field and include sustainment items such as housing, utilities, food, schooling for our children, medical care, etc.

Contributions for specific projects should be marked with “T784”. These contributions allow for specific ministry projects to be completed.

Missionary Sustainment - (M423) - Total monthly requirement is \$2000.00 per month.

Project Needs - Ministry (T784)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Church Expansion – Sunday School, Teen Area, Future Pre-school	We were given more land in Don Salvador.	\$3000.00

Contributions can be sent to:

Christians in Action
P.O. Box 728
Woodlake, California 93286

Please annotate “account #M423” to ensure proper credit

Parting Shot



Checkout the double burners ... we actually have two additional pots going on the propane burners inside the bamboo kitchen.