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### Bless the Lord, O my soul!

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Bless the Lord, O my soul! A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; (Psalms 103:1-4)

"Bless the Lord, O my soul," I bet you haven't taken much thought of the phrase, "O my soul." As I've observed from many, the sincerity of their praise to God is not fully devoted as David wrote this psalm, and I'll be the first to admit that my walk with God hasn't been full-on "Bless the Lord, O my soul." Yet, God is worthy to be praised, worthy to be honored, worthy to be acknowledged, and we, in our mere flesh, are weak and defeated.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul," even in our weakness, our devotion is to God Almighty. Our goal is to walk in the light of God. Our actions should reflect a constant battle against our fleshly desires by submitting our whole being under the lordship of Jesus Christ. Giving it all to Him and I'm not just talking laments. I'm talking in all that we do, it is to give glory to God the Father who has provided a Redeemer; to God the Son, Jesus Christ, who has followed through with the preordained plan; to God the Holy Spirit who bears witness to our spirit that we are children of God.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul," when I stumble, He picks me up. When I grow weak, He is there to strengthen me. When I grieve, He comforts me. When I sin, He forgives me. My soul has been found precious in His sight. Not because of anything that I have done, but because He first loved me. He taught me righteousness. He taught me holiness. He taught me to "walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Col 1:10). So, bless the Lord, Oh my soul.



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# **Mission Report**

April 5th to the 15th of 2019, Pastor Keith Buckner and Youth Pastor Chris Lynch returned to the Philippines to minister to the people. Rev. Kenny Clark, Rev. Clint Hatfield, Rev. Randy Boldin, and Rev. Tommy Louthan joined them.

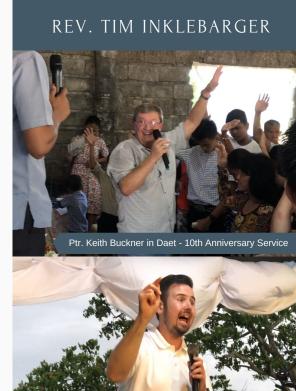
The travel was wearisome, and the men were tired due to the loss of sleep on the 24 hours of flight. With only three hours of sleep on the first night when they arrived in Manila, it was now a very early Sunday morning for them to head to the airport and fly out to Naga. Once they have arrived in Naga, luggage was all loaded in a van and the men aboard, they headed to Sipocot and met up with a few local pastors that were to take them out to their churches. And thus began their ministries for the next eight days.

Monday afternoon, after the men have ministered to fellow pastors, preachers, and their wives, Keith and Chris separated from the rest to visit the town where they first have been exposed to the Philippine culture and their love for Christ. The town was called Daet and it is the home of Bayanihan Bible Baptist Church. Pastor Avel Cuenza is the senior pastor, and he has founded the church in Daet since 2005. Keith and Chris' heart was with the people of Daet since they have been won over by the precious hospitalities and generosities of the many members of Bayanihan Bible Baptist Church. It was Tuesday and Keith was honored to bring the message for a mission church that was part of Bayanihan's effort to train men and women to build and establish churches in the surrounding areas. They celebrated their 10 year anniversary with Keith preaching in the morning service while Chris preached to the children and young people later that afternoon. They also have been made honored guests to distribute gift boxes received from the Samaritan's Purse.

Wednesday came, it was a slower day to allow some time to rest since Keith and Chris have been traveling and catching what little sleep they could since they've landed in the Philippines. Keith was asked to give a devotion that morning with the members who are teachers both in the secular schools and in Bayanihan's own preschool academy. Later that night was Bayanihan's prayer meeting, Keith gave a word of encouragement, and Chris brought the message titled "Redemption Draweth Night" that night. Many were uplifted and encouraged by their words. It was sadly the last night Keith and Chris would be in town as they are set to join the other men in Legaspi to conclude the youth camp that they have been ministering to while Keith and Chris ministered in Daet. However, it wasn't the last time they would see some of them as a few would be joining them to be a part of the camp. Little did they know, they've become a great support to both Keith and Chris.

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"You can sing songs without faith. You can raise a family without faith. You could do a good job without faith. You could be a multimillionaire without faith You can make your mark on this world without faith. Let me tell you something men, you can attempt to preach the gospel without faith. You can even pastor a few churches without faith. You could be a minister without faith. You could be ordained without faith. You could serve without faith. You could do whatever you put your mind to in this world without faith. But by the grace of God, without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD!" REV. TIM INKLEBARGER



Ptr. Chris Lynch in Daet - Prayer Meeting



#### Mission Report...continued

Thursday was another day to travel. They traveled for four hours to get to the youth camp that was being held in Legaspi. The men joined up with the others on the team and began to share what has transpired in the last three days. Hearts were filled with joy and great memories of God's faithfulness. People have come forward both in Daet and Legaspi to submit themselves under the full leadership of God. The men have mentioned that the sight was the most humbling scene, to see many coming on bowed knees and confessing their faith in Christ Jesus. Keith was scheduled to preach along with another Filipino pastor that night. He gave a message to all to "Invest in the Kingdom". It was another night in the youth camp, that many came forward to pray in repentance and seeking for the One who is able to lighten their heavy burdens.

Friday, the morning was the last service for the youth camp. Afterward, the campers were to start packing up and began their journey home. Chris was one of the three that was scheduled to preach. Yes, it was a long service and nobody was complaining because all the ears were fixated on hearing more of what God has spoken through the reading and preaching of the Word. Afterward, the team was honored with gifts as a token of appreciation for all the hard work and sacrifices the men have done. They all were grateful for the hospitality shown and of the fruits of their labor, owing it all to the source, God.

Saturday, this day was more for traveling and resting. The men journey to Sorsogon where the coast was calm and the scene was a beauty. The weather was perfect, with lower humidity and comfortable temperature. They had one appointment that day, Tommy Louthan preached to men and women of the law enforcement of Sorsogon City. Then the team split with Tommy and Chris remaining in Sorsogon and the rest head back to Legaspi for their last appointments for Sunday morning services the next day in the Philippines.

All in all, the harvest of the field was plenty and the labors of the men were many. Even if they've just been ministering to the saved, which is statistically unlikely, they've done what God sent them there to do. The Word proclaimed with the Gospel of Christ being the foremost theme. Hearts were changed, repentance was made, confession was given, and God was glorified.

Keith and Chris are very appreciative of the many supports and prayers given to them for this trip to be a success. Most of all, thankful to God Almighty for the opportunity to embark on another journey to the great people of the Philippines.



## **Church Report**

#### **VBS** Report

Our first vacation bible school for a long time since 2015, the theme was "Fishers of Men". Rooms decorated with fishing nets, fishes, oceans, and a dock. Joined by Charlie, the clown fish puppet, and Bubba, the half-spotted hank fish puppet. The volunteers have been great in committing to this year and pulled off a successful bible school. Average attendance was 70 each night. Three kids came forward and got saved by God's marvelous grace. One came to rededicate on commencement night.

### **Church Report**

God has bless New Liberty Baptist Church this year. Not only have we seen lives changed during vacation bible school, but we have seen much more lives changed throughout the year. There have been five salvation and five baptism.

#### Church Attendance:

Average attendance of 35 is our Sunday morning worship. We've been seeing both new and familiar faces. Thankful for the blessing of all our brothers and sisters who joined us in worship and pray that God will bless us with more to join the flock.

#### New Members.

After being appointed as pastor, Keith and Kathy Buckner has joined the church's membership in March.

Brandon Welch, being baptized, joined his family in the membership upon the confession of his faith in Christ in February.

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Laura Edwards has joined the church's membership in September.

Gracie Edward, being baptized, joined her mother in the membership upon the confession of her faith in Christ in September.

We welcome them all into the flock of New Liberty and look forward to having them as servants of the church of Christ.

#### **New Church Website**

As you may know, we're living in a new age where information can be found with a few clicks or hit a few keys on a keyboard. To better service the community and those seeking for a church, we now have established new website to assist in the information age. You can visit it and sign up to receive future newsletters via email instead of mail at newlibertybpt.com

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"Well I told y'all Jesus was in the fishing mode this week at VBS!!!

Well, He caught Gracie tonight. She didn't even wait till invitational, she was ready!

He had her on her knees in tears!!

Thank you Keith Buckner, Jamie N Rick Collins, Kelsie Welch, Cheryl Lynch, and Clarence and Chris Lynch for being in that back room praying with her. She has a smile that ain't left her face!! She said I can tell you one thing when something happens to me, I know I'm going to heaven and spend eternity with Jesus and with my new brothers and sisters. ONE PROUD MOMMA!!!!"



### **Church News**

#### **70 Year Anniversary Homecoming**

This year we are celebrating 70 years since the church was first organized. Praise be to God for richly blessing us all these years and for the opportunities to know faithful brothers and sisters who have gone on to a better country.

This year's homecoming will be on October 20th. Service starts at 11:00. Special singing by Michael and Delilah Kitts. Food will be provided after the service.

#### Pastor's Note

As we fastly approach our first year at New Liberty, we are excited about what God has done in the church. We are thankful for the saving of lost souls, for those who have been baptized, and for those who have joined the church.

Serving the Lord through His calling has been so special in our lives. Being able to labor for God's people have brought joy and happiness in our hearts. Seeing God's people move is always an exciting time in our church.

We stand ready to serve those who need a touch from heaven, ready to love and embrace those who need strength and comfort from our Father in heaven, and ready to be there for those who just need to pray. As a pastor, it's our commission and calling to serve God's people.

If you are seeking this one thing in life that can make you whole again, my advice would be, find a place where they can tell you about our Lord and Savoir and the sacrifice He paid for you. I invite you to visit us at our little church that serves an almighty God and

let us love on you the way Jesus loves His children. Come see for yourself and let's worship together.

God Bless. Pastor Keith

### **Upcoming Events**

October 20th - Homecoming

October 31st - Trunk or Treat starting @ 6pm, will be having hot dogs & popcorn

November 24th - Thanksgiving Fellowship after morning service

December 22nd - Christmas Fellowship after morning service

Be sure to follow us on facebook.com/newlibertybpt to get updates on various events.



Wed. Prayer Meeting @ 6:30pm

### BELIEF & PRAYERS

Our hopes and prayers are to bring forth the Love of Christ to all those who will hear. To obey the command of the God's Holy Word and disciple the saints of God in holiness.