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Hello Everyone,

God has been so good to us here in the PI. Souls are being saved, lives are being changed and eternity is being altered by the day.

New Beginnings Baptist Deaf Church

Speaking with our Hands



Loving with our Hearts

“Making a Difference in the Heart of the Deaf”



The first Sunday in May the Lord allowed us to start a Deaf Church. The deaf are often overlooked and neglected. This opportunity has been met with great enthusiasm by our people. Pictured at left is Pastor Joe signing the Sunday School lesson. At right, Bryan Garcia is using the sign language learned in our Bible College to lead in a song while Dailyn Monteverde leads the ladies in a song, below. The Lord gave us seventeen people to start this new church and we thank the Lord for the opportunity and look forward to seeing this new ministry grow.



Our first three baptized converts of the Deaf Church are (l-r) Ana Marie, Jonadith, and Bethel Joy.



Acts 16:31... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

In our December 2005 Newsletter we reported to you about Luis Gonzales being Delivered from Demons. Since that time God has done great and mighty things in his life and his household.

The following Sunday his mother and father came and received Christ as their Saviour. The next week one of his sisters came and was saved. Week after week one by one, many of his brothers, sisters, cousins, brother and sisters –in-law, aunts and uncles and finally his grandmother who was formerly a sorcerer came and received Christ. She openly accepted and professed Christ. Pictured below is part of his family (not complete) and at the right is his grandmother who was once a sorcerer, now saved by the grace of God.



Please pray as we continue to try and reach the lost and disciple the saved in Bacolod City.



Also, please pray for Luis as he is now delivered from the demons, however he is still having periodic attacks where it seems that they (the demons) are trying to overtake him again and again. I know this is a foreign subject to many people and I do not believe a Christian can be

possessed by demons but there is a degree of oppression and control that can be gained in a Christian's life. I think that as God has used His power to save not only Luis but also many others that all the demons of hell have attacked both him and us. I would not dare go into detail of all that has taken place around here since December 7, 2005. Had I not been here to experience it myself, I wouldn't believe half of it. Please pray for us as we seem to be in one of the fiercest battles of spiritual warfare ever.

21 More Baptized



1st Ladies Jubilee...Choosing the Good Part

Mrs. Amy and NBBC Ladies hosted our First Ladies Jubilee with great results. Ladies meetings happen very rarely in this country which made this a very special time for the ladies of our church to minister to the pastors wives and ladies of other churches. We had nine churches that came together and enjoyed a great day of Bible centered activities.



Mrs. Amy brought the devotion on "Choosing the Good Part" while our Bible College students dramatized the account. It proved to be very effective and touched the ladies hearts. We praise the Lord for a good day of ministering to the Unsung Heroes of our churches.

New Beginnings Baptist Bible College News

We will start our third year of Bible College classes the third week of June. We praise the Lord for how He has so graciously blessed this ministry. As of now we have 25 students enrolled. We want to thank those of you who have made this possible and ask for your continued prayers. As the ministry grows so do the expenses. We praise the Lord for Pastor Jerry Rice and the good folks of Victory Baptist Church in Hiawassee, Georgia for financing the purchase of twelve sacks of rice for the Bible College. For \$25 your Sunday School class could buy a sack and feed the college for a week. A few individuals have sponsored students from time to time. More sponsors are needed. Very few of our students have any assistance from their families. Please pray about the needs of the college students. These are a great group of young servants and worthy of your consideration.



2006 PASTOR'S & WORKER'S CONFERENCE

New Beginnings Baptist Church and WJEA Ministries partnered together to host a Pastor's and Workers Conference that blessed the hearts of all who attended. Much hard work and fervent prayer went into the conference and God blessed and rewarded accordingly. We had a great attendance with fifty-five pastors registered and nearly 250 assistant pastors, workers and Bible College students. The best part of all was the great spirit among God's servants.

Dr. William Jeffcoat, Pastor of Capitol Baptist Church in Dover, Delaware and President of WJEA Ministries (pictured above) did a fabulous job in challenging the men of God in the area of Purity in the Ministry. There is an integrity crisis in the ministry these days. God help us all to take heed lest we fall.

Dr. Dan Hemmes, Pastor of Manton Baptist Church of Manton Michigan (pictured at right) taught on Pastoral Principles in the Ministry. He did such a thorough job I felt like I was back in Bible College again, or felt like I needed to go back to Bible College.



We also had one of our heroes of the faith back with us once again, Dr. Armie Jesalva who Pastors the Bible Baptist Church of Cebu City, the largest Baptist Church in the Philippines. Dr. Jesalva delt with the Pleasures in the Ministry. It is always a joy to have him encourage our hearts by seeing things from a more positive perspective.



I tried to minister with thoughts on Prevailing in the Ministry. Since becoming a missionary in 1995 we have faced many difficult situations in which we were tempted to quit. However, by the grace of God we have prevailed and the Lord allowed me to share some of those situations for his glory.



This conference was a team effort. Everyone had a part, from the kids, to the college, to the kitchen.



Bro. Bob Blackwell (at left) and Bro. Bruce Walton (at right) came all the way from America just to have a part in the conference and did so by helping prepare and serve the food.

