

The blessing of the Lord upon the daily preaching of His Word is another reason to be thankful.

Here are some of the text messages that we have recently received from our radio listeners.

## TEXT MESSAGES

*“ Thank you very much! It is always uplifting to listen to your program. More power to you.”*

*“ I am greatly blessed by your messages on Biblical Stewardship and Financial Freedom. Your message this morning was exactly what I need towards changing my life”.*

*“Last December 23, 2008, I accepted Jesus as my Saviour, confessing my sins and gave up my smoking, gambling and womanizing. Please pray for me. “*

*“ You are God’s instrument for the miracles in my life. Pastor Pert, I am sharing with you my personal joy and thanksgiving to God.” ( April 2, 2008)*

*“ By accident, I happened to listen to your program. Since then, I’ve been blessed listening to the Word of God thru you.”*

*“ I came to know the Lord personally thru your broadcast last December 26, 1998 and was nurtured in the faith through my pastor, Pastor Garovillo.*

*“ Thank you so much for your message this morning warning us that God hates all kinds of sin.” ( March 3, 2008)*

*Thank you for the beautiful Words of God that remind us to forsake our sinful habits.” (April 1, 2008)*

## Please pray .....

1. On-going Vacation Bible Schools in our ten churches.
2. Need for a bigger building to accommodate the increasing attendance of our Church in Boracay. Their small place can only handle 60 worshippers and 150 are coming to church every Sunday. They have no choice but to have two Services.
3. Camp ministries this summer at Camp Efraim and JMAS Cove.
4. Pastor Niel’s studies at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. Pray also for his family.
5. For Pert’s daily 30-minute radio program over the 9 radio stations.
6. Pray for an additional \$2000 a month needed to balance our monthly budget to sustain our present radio broadcasts in 9 radio stations.

## All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, and Your saints shall bless You.

Psalm 145:10



Spring has come, and all God’s creation declares it! Our little boy Haniel looked out of the window one morning and said “No more snow, Mama. It’s a miracle!” What a refreshing time this is after a long winter season. What a

time to reflect upon the renewal the Lord is able to bestow to all who seek His face.

Niel is now on the last leg of his Spring Semester of schooling and these have been profitable months of learning for him. His program will be done by J-term of 2009 and we will soon be busy preparing for our return to the field! These past winter months have caused us to be house bound for the most part, thankfully though the Lord has granted us some ministry opportunities along the way. Here are a few updates:

- A Bible study has been started by Marley Del Carmen and Niel last December with two Filipino families. Niel has been leading the monthly meeting for the past 3 months now and we are thankful to be able to gather a group such as this for fellowship and to strengthen and encourage one another in the faith. Pray as we have reached out to another two families to join us and as we envision a group of strong believers who can reach out to our Filipino community here in Grand Rapids.

- We have also been to several places to pick up some books for our Pastors and workers lending libraries in the Philippines. We thank the Lord for ministries such as Kregel Publishing House and Love Inc. who have generously donated Sunday School materials and books. Continue to pray for a prospective donor for a good set of Bible commentaries and reference books.

- Our most recent church visit was for the Missions Conference of Fellowship Bible Church at Ann Arbor where Dr. Yanga presented the work of CFTP and Niel preached and gave a challenge for the ministry in the Philippines.

- We also thank the Lord for Wealthy Park Baptist Church that has been home to us for the past months that we have been here. Presently, they have accepted our application as Watchcare Members. It has truly been a comfort to be surrounded by so many people who love the Lord and many who have become like family to us. We take joy in being part of the church AWANA ministry and service in other areas.

Pray with us in the next few months as we further advance ourselves into our pre-field ministry and as we go through the many details of preparation for our return to the field in 2009. It is indeed our joy and privilege to walk in the Savior’s steps, trusting Him as He leads and praising Him as each day unfolds. Thank you for faithfully praying with us.

In Christ,

*Niel, Joy, Haniel & Naomi Mae Vilches*

