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Dear Partners in the Ministry,

The Lord has given us very unusual opportunities to visit foreign missionary works: One young boy who stayed with us in Cabanatuan City in his high school days, now a missionary in the Philippines but he has a work going on in Singapore. He sponsored us and I preached in their church anniversary, last May 30.

Another Pastor, one of our Sunday school kids in the late 1970's. When I was pastoring in Subic, Zambales near the U.S. Subic Naval Base. He went to UAE, United Arab Emirates to work in a secular job. He started Bibles studies among Filipino workers and God has blessed his ministry. We went directly to UAE from Singapore, and we stayed there for 15 days. And in these 15 days, I've preached every day except for 3 days. I was impressed of how Filipinos are so eager and zealous in the ministry in that country where they could not even worship openly. Some of them would travel 2 hours just to attend services at House churches. There are more than 700,000 Filipinos living and working at UAE and some of them are earning good salaries. I preached the day we flew back to the Philippines in the evening. It was a Sports' Fellowship including invited Baptist groups and there were about 300 people who showed up. I am blessed to see that Filipinos are getting saved in every part of the world, and others surrender to part time and full time ministry work.

We went back home recharged and challenged of what we have seen in those foreign lands. And the next Monday, on June 24 was our Family Camp, and God has extended the spiritual revival we felt at UAE. Every service, the altar was full. I was worried because I got sick in the camp and I have to preach the last service in the morning of Thursday, I could barely finish my message— but my heart was broken to see the more than 800 delegates come to the altar and committed themselves with their families to serve the Lord in sincerity of heart; people were sobbing. And there were more than 40 young people who have surrendered their lives, to enroll in the Bible School. The working of the Holy Spirit was so evident in those meetings, and God was so glorified and I felt so unworthy.

Thank you very much for your continued prayers and support. May God bless you.

Your Partners in the ministry, Richard and Thelma Bitun





