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*"...they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." (Acts 5:42)*

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J.P. and I throwing candy at the children



The ladies enjoyed exchanging gifts.



Young people's fellowship



Giving assurance to new converts

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

**Jesus, the Greatest Gift of All:** Our church celebrated the Christmas season with different kinds of activities for our church people. We held our Christmas party at the church; all of the members stayed the entire day. We had games, activities, and the exchanging of gifts. Some were not able to bring gifts, but their presence was worth more than any gift. There were 12 people who received the Greatest Gift that day, the gift of eternal life, and we praise God for it!

**The New Year:** We have made it through the year 2008. God blessed our church tremendously this past year. Thousands were saved in our public school ministry, Bible studies, soul-winning program, and other ministries of the church. We started one church and will be starting another one in March. Our prayer is that God will use our church to bring more precious souls to Him this New Year. I have set new goals for this year, and I am asking God to bless in a great way. Please be in prayer for our church and ministry; pray that we will be fruitful this year.

**Bible College:** Our Bible college is still on the move. We have 6 new students, and 8 are graduating in March. I have a vision of seeing these graduates build new churches in the future. We are struggling a little with keeping them in school and providing work scholarship for them, but God is great in meeting these needs. He has never failed and is faithful in providing them with each need.

**Missions Emphasis Month:** February is our Missions Emphasis month. For the whole month, I will be speaking about missions. We will also be renewing our Faith Promise commitment goal. As of now, our church supports 18 Filipino missionaries around the world. Hopefully, we will be able to raise our goal and add some more missionaries to support in the future. We are also praying that we will be able to send someone from our church to go to the regions beyond.

**A Soul-Winning Story:** Last week I went to Iloilo City to get my van registered. I got a message from my wife that a neighbor of ours who is a retired policeman was in the hospital for kidney surgery. I went there and visited him. He was amazed to see me come for a visit. We have been praying for him to get saved for a long time, but he has just been so hardhearted. I thought that this was the best time to talk to him, and he eagerly listened to me, along with his wife. After a few minutes, they both bowed their heads in prayer asking God to be their personal Saviour. I don't think he's going to last long due to health complications. Praise God, though, that he's on his way to Heaven!

**Family:** Our family is doing well. We had a great time during the holidays. We had the house all decorated with Christmas ornaments and decorations. We enjoyed spending time on our mini-vacation too. Our kids loved their Christmas presents; so did we! To all who sent holiday greetings, e-mails, cards, and packages, we say thank you! You made our Christmas even merrier. Love to all and God bless!

That all the world may know,

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