

Monthly Report on the Lord's work (Honiara Church of Christ, Solomon Islands)

JANUARY – FEBRUARY – MARCH REPORT:

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR/AND ACTIVITIES

1) My Evangelism Trip to my Island

On 14th January, 2021, My wife and I including our little girl, we left Honiara and went to our native island for a holiday and Evangelism trip. We went there and we team up with Brother Jerry and Sister Janet, they are faithful Christian couple. We then worked together to preach the gospel and the message of Christ's Church or Kingdom to the people in our village. The village is call Nangu and is located in the south of Santa Cruz Island, Santa Cruz island is in the eastern part of Solomon Islands. It was part of my plan when I was still attending the preaching school, to establish a local congregation in my native village. And the plan of establishing a local congregation there in my village; things are now working out as we wanted. Three precious souls have responded to the preaching and teaching of the word, and we thank God for that. It was a difficult moment, facing oppositions and persecutions from the village people, and their village and religious leaders. This is because the truth was preached there which exposes the doctrines of men. Nangu village is an Anglican church community, and so the people got angered with us. Their anger worsens when we did baptisms in that village. At one occasion some men use threatening words to us and even wanted to beat me up after having a talk with their village and religious leaders. They accuse us of doing what is contrary to their faith, they said that when someone re-baptize he/she sins against the holy Spirit. They said, that "sin against the holy Spirit" it is a sin that cannot be forgiven of. They wrote to us, requesting us to have a discussion with them on the topic of re-baptism. We had a discussion with them, we were trying to explain to them, the difference between these two terms baptism and sprinkle. We also explained to them the meaning of baptism and sprinkle in Greek language, because they thought that sprinkle baptism is also a right baptism. We also explained to them the purpose of baptism and the one right Christian baptism that can save a sinner, and places a person into the body of Christ. And we also defended the faith that we have in Christ on some of their accusations against us. Anyway the outcome of the discussion was not good, perhaps because of their ignorance and stubbornness. But we will not give up teaching and preaching the word there. For few Christians leaving in my village, every first day of the week we assemble together as a church. There are also few Christian families that are living in other neighbouring villages normally they come and worship with us on the first day of the week in Nangu village. And also often times visitors are coming on the first day of the week to worship

with us. Despite strong opposition from these religious people we are still keeping ourselves together as a church. After doing some work there, I returned to Honiara on 7th March, 2021.

2) Teaching and Preaching done

- 10/01/2021 – Topic: THE COURAGE OF ANANIAS. Text: Acts 9:10-22
- 17/01/2021 – Topic: GOD’S PLAN TO SAVE MAN. Texts: Luke19:10; 2:11; plus, other texts that connected to this topic.
- 24/01/2021 – Topic: CHURCH (note: I taught series of lessons on this topic). First Lesson: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CHURCH AND THE PROPHECY CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH.
- 31/01/2021 - Second Lesson: HISTORY OF THE CHURH
- 07/02/2021 – Third Lesson: THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH
- 14/02/2021 – Topic: PERSECUTIONS AND SUFFERINGS
- 21/02/2021 – Topic: THE DENOMINATION DOCTRINE OF INHERITED SIN OR ORIGINAL SIN
- 29/02/2021 – Sermon Topic: OBEYING THE VOICE OF THE LORD. Text: 1 Samuel 15:1-23
- 14/03/2021 – I preached the same topic on OBYEYING THE VOICE OF THE LORD to the Honiara congregation.

3) Visitation and Evangelism

- 21/01/2021 – Giving out bible tracts, and also shared God’s word on the topic of the Church and salvation to one of the village leaders.
- 28/01/2021 - Had a bible study with a school Teacher on the subject of Church/Kingdom.
- 17/02/2021 – We were invited by one of the Anglican church leaders to study with them on the subject of Faith & Baptism. I had an opportunity to speak from God’s word during this study.
- Baptism done:
- 18/01/2021 – Baptized two elderly women that were responded to the gospel call.



A new sister in Christ, Ruth Blamoli



A new sister in Christ, Fanny Ivaio

- 07/02/2021 – A youth responded to the gospel call.



A new sister in Christ, Vetina

4)Partnership in God's Kingdom: Some Needs from the Churches of Christ here in Solomon Islands that we would like to appeal for assistance from the supporting congregations: (Note: We also request you brethren to help us pray for our needs).

- The Honiara Church of Christ still need a land space for Church building. (Note: The one we made an instalment payment of, problems surrounding it are still unsolved, but our government through the ministry of lands has already stepped in to sort out these problems on this block of land. The reason why we sent back the money to you brethren is because of these problems).
- The new Church of Christ congregation in Nangu, santa Cruz, Temotu Province needs some funds to purchase building materials to build up a Church meeting house. (Note: The plan right now is; we will build the Church meeting house on our family land). Currently the Christians there, they are having their meetings at my house in our village.



Church assemble on the First day of the week in Nangu village.

- Pray for the work of the elders, preachers, and teachers in Honiara Church of Christ.

5) My Plans for the coming months

- If Lord willing I'm planning to be with the brethren here in Honiara for about two months, then I'll go back to Santa Cruz to visit and edify the Christians there. (Note: My wife and my daughter are still in our native island with the Christians there).
- It is my plan and my heart to help Honiara congregation to build up a church building, but the problem is still there. Brethren help us pray for the need of the church here in Honiara.

***THANK YOU BRETHREN FOR OUR PARTNERSHP TOGETHER
IN SERVING OUR ALMIGHTY GOD IN HIS KINGDOM. OUR***

***MISSION IS CHRIST'S MISSION "TO SAVE SOULS."
(LUKE19:10). TO GOD BE THE GLORY.***