

Cubao Reformed Baptist Church

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HOLDING THE 1689 BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH

Every person who has ever lived or will ever live must glorify God, either actively or passively, either willingly or unwillingly, either in heaven or in hell, you will glorify God. Either you will glorify him as the object of His mercy and glory, which will be seen in you, or you will glorify Him in your rebellion in unbelief by being made the object of His wrath and power at the final judgment. [James Montgomery Boice]

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News & Thanksgiving . . .

As the year 2014 started, we cannot but thank you all for your partnership with us in the work of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a great encouragement to us to know that fellow believers from other churches receive and read our newsletters. We thank you all for your prayers. Our gracious Lord has been pleased to hear and answer them to His praise and glory.

Additions to the membership.

Last year the Lord added 18 to our membership. Half of them were converted in our church. Six of them are young people. The others were transferes from other churches. As was mentioned in our previous newsletter we have been expecting 10 more persons to give their conversion testimonies. In God's will we only heard 7 testimonies the first month of 2014. In the picture, from the top: Edgar & his wife Ginia, Aldwin & Chona, Rolly & Riela, and finally Ethan. We are truly grateful to the Lord for His grace and encouragement. In February we also expect to hear a further 3 testimonies. We praise God for His grace and favour. All glory be unto Him!

CRBC Annual Meeting. This was held the last Saturday of January. There was a very good attendance which is heartening indeed. We

heard the various reports of our ministries and were greatly encouraged as to how God has so blessed us. There was an atmosphere of peace and unity amongst us. We do not boast but we are just so thankful to God for his loving mercy to us. May the Lord be magnified indeed!

Pearson Boaz Pascual was born to Deacon Joel and his wife Jill. A baby is a wonderful gift from God! We rejoice with Joel and Jill. We now have several new born babies and toddlers in our church. During Sunday services, we seem to have a nursery at the back of our Worship Hall. We give thanks to God for baby Pearson Boaz.

Congratulations to the newly weds John T & Virgie Sparrow. John T was privileged to have family and friends present from the UK. About twenty of them came to join in the wedding celebration.



John T & Virgie Sparrow

They held it in a large Chinese restaurant in Cubao. There were about 200 guests. Pastor Brian Ellis conducted the wedding. During the reception, children from the CCM Homes presented Filipino folk dances. One was the "Tinikling", dancing with bamboos. The other was a 'flower dance'. It was lovely watching them. We were served with a sumptuous meal. We do praise God for this joyous occasion. May the Lord guide and help the new

couple as they move to the UK. We shall greatly miss Virgie who has been Director for the CCM Homes.

REBAP-Luzon Association Annual Prayer and Fellowship Day.

This was a very edifying occasion participated in by Reformed Baptist churches. Each representative church through their pastors gave a report and prayer requests. Several leading men then led in



REBAP Prayer & Fellowship

the most inspiring meeting. We have sensed the unity of heart and mind of the brethren. Somehow, we felt the oneness of the churches. We were all very glad to have this blessed meeting. After the prayer meeting we had our lunch together and had a good time of personal fellowship with one another. Praise God for the unity among our churches.



Baby Pearson Boaz Pascual

CRBC Ministries . . .

Christian Compassion Ministries (CCM)

Educational Assistance Program (EAP). The staff are overloaded with work due to a shortage of staff. We badly need 3 new Social Workers. Most of the recipients in the community live in shanties. A few days ago the government demolished houses of three families in one of the communities we are serving. Presently they are homeless. They simply built a temporary shelter by the road. Please pray for wisdom on how we may assist these less fortunate people. May the Lord show His mercy to them.

Residential Homes (RH). Analyn Ablao, who has taken the place of its former director, Virgie Biala, has been under a lot of pressure in the Homes. Presently she is dealing with difficult cases such as, girls running away from Home and the problem of homosexuality in this 'modern world'. At present, she is the lone social worker in the Girl's Home. Please pray for enabling grace and wisdom as she carries on with her heavy responsibilities in the Homes.

Grace Ministerial Academy (GMA)

Pastor Noel Espinosa has not been so well lately. Please pray for him and his heavy load of teaching. He does a marvellous job in GMA. On top of these he has to pastor his home church and has some Reformation conferences all over the Philippines. May the Lord sustain and strengthen him.

Drop-in Ministry (DnC)

The Drop-in had a holiday break but has now resumed operation. During the first meeting, attendance was below 50 when usually we have 120. but it has now gone up again. Please pray for Deacon Virgo Ablao who is leading this ministry.

Please pray also for the volunteers that they may not grow weary in serving the Lord through this ministry. Please pray particularly for conversions among the families who attend.

The Monday night Bible Study for the homeless continues to be well attended. Please pray for brother Armando Dalut who is leading this Bible Study.

Sunday School Ministry (SSM)

Brother Reddy Gonzales is our Sunday School Superintendent. He has been making some revisions on the format of the classes. Pastor Mon Macapagal recently gave a lecture on the high view of the ministry of the Sunday School and has asked for recommitment of the teachers to this ministry. It was well responded to by the teachers and their assistants. Please pray that the new format which has been planned will be more effective. Please also continue to pray for the conversion of the children and young people in the church.

2014 Annual Pastors' Conference . . .

We are very busy preparing for the Pastors' February 4th – 6th. We again expect about 300 pastors and church workers from all over the Philippines. Some will be staying in our GMA dormitory and Sunday School classrooms at the church.

The speakers are Pastors George McDearmon from the US and Norman Hopkins from the UK. Pastor Noel Espinosa will also be one of the speakers. Pastor Diego Bulatao will give the opening message and Pastor Brian Ellis will give the closing message.

The theme for this conference is "The man after God's own heart".

Please pray for the continuing work of reformation through this conference.

Pray also for our members through the leadership of our deacons who will be helping in the operation of this conference.

May all praise be unto God alone.

On Going Relief Work . . .

We are still in the stage of preparation for the third phase of our relief work in Eastern Visayas. Deacon Louie Lim and Pastor Mon Macapagal will again be conducting a survey in Tacloban area in early February. They will look for a place to rent which can be used as a warehouse for the center of relief work operations. We hope to distribute relief goods such as food and clothing along with construction materials as soon as we are able to find a suitable place.

Our main concern is moving to reconstruction of homes.

Please pray for much wisdom in use of the funds we have in hand and that the Lord will enable church members to be available to conduct this ongoing work.

We are also seeking to spread reformation in churches and individuals and Lord willing, and to pioneer a reformation work in Tacloban City and surrounding towns.

May the Lord enable us to show love to these desperate people.

Prayer Requests . . .

1. The REBAP association of churches held a Singles' conference on the 31st, January. In the past we have had a 'Singles Camp' but this is the first time that we have held a Singles Conference. The speakers were Pastors Mon Macapagal speaking on '*The Singles caring for the things of the Lord*' and Ferdie Rivera on the '*Challenges Singles face*'. May these messages prove to be a blessing and encouragement to those who attended.
2. We have now taken over the mission work in Morong, Rizal. Brother Erwin Cadalin is the one now leading this work. Please pray for him as he travels there each week and that his ministry will be greatly used by God to establish a strong reformed church to the glory of God.

3. We are experiencing problems with our mission works. Our Missions' Fund has been literally depleted. Please pray that we may be able find ways to continue supporting our workers.
4. A number of our members have been ill of late. Please pray for Shirley de Ocampo and her uterus problem; for Deri Dalut who has a heart problem; Anchy Ang with her arthritis; Deacon Virgo Ablao and Pastor Mon Macapagal with their kidney stone problems; as well as others.
5. At this time of the year we also seek the Lord's mind as to whether he is calling others to the offices of elder and deacon. May the Lord direct the church members in their prayers and consideration of our men.
6. May the Lord grant more conversions in our midst. Particularly among our children and young people.