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Pearl of the Orient

Dear brothers and sisters,

Before our Lord ascended to the right hand of His Father, He gave His disciples (and us, His Church) His final command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Our brothers serving the Pearl of the Orient Covenant Reformed Church (the Philippines) are faithfully and courageously doing just that – going and making disciples, teaching them what our Lord commanded in His Word. In twenty short years, this first truly Reformed Filipino Church, with an uncompromising love of the Reformed Faith and Practices, committed to declaring the whole counsel of God, has grown from five men to a Classis consisting of seven organized churches and five missions churches served by five ordained pastors with two more awaiting ordination.

These men and churches have endured much these past two years due to the destruction caused by super typhoons and to very restrictive COVID rules imposed by the Philippine government. The inability to gather to worship or even travel locally left church pulpits empty and pastors isolated, leaving both flock and shepherd lacking support and encouragement while the economic and financial strains left members needy and churches unable to meet rent, or to support their pastors, or to meet ministry expenses.

As they diligently labored through these struggles, God sustained them and blessed their efforts. The churches grew and strengthened during that time and since, adding many members and several muchneeded elders. The spiritual battles continue, but our sovereign God reigns and continues to build His church through the faithful work of men such as these.

Please pray for each of the POCRC churches and their pastors.

Dagupan City CRC	Elder Dela Cruz
Pearl of the Orient CRC	Elder Martinez (awaiting ordination)
God is Faithful CRC	Pastor Delos Reyes
Providence CRC	Pastor Narag
Baybay Presbyterian Church	Pastor Loreto
Loreto Reformed Pres Church	Pastor Simbajon

Davao Covenant Ref Church Sovereign God CRC Shepherd's Heart CRC La Paz Mission Work Marbon Mission Work Pastor Bernales Pastor Cruz (awaiting ordination) Pastor Santos Mr. Natad Mr. Bruno



Cabanatuan City CRC - 31 Professions of Faith!

Pray for strength for these pastors as they engage in their Reformed Discipleship Ministries – officer training, face-to-face and online Bible Studies, and various conferences.

Pray for the men enrolled in the Heidelberg Theological Seminary Extension Program and particularly the first class of nine men ready to graduate this year!

Pray for wisdom and safety for these pastors when they gather for their Classis meeting on August 24-27.

Praise God for the work He continues to do and for each precious soul He has redeemed in the Philippines.

Consider what you can do to financially support the work of our Filipino brothers and sisters in Christ. All donations for the Philippines should be sent to:

> Providence Reformed Church 245 East Vine St. Lodi, CA 95240

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