

# Preaching Trip

August 2-11, 2019

I, Archie Alarcon (Unity Street church of Christ, City of San Fernando, Pampanga), Jerry Moral (Anao church of Christ, Anao, Mexico, Pampanga), James Paet (Pasay-EDSA church of Christ, Pasay City) and Bro. RON Halbrook traveled to Zambales, Pampanga last August 2 to preach to the Beddeng church of Christ (San Narciso, Zambales) from August 3-4.

August 2 was allotted for travel. The Southwest Monsoon brought rains to Zambales. In fact, an orange warning was given for rainfall meaning medium to heavy rains. This was made evident when early morning of August 3. We traveled from Olongapo City to San Narciso and along the National Highway there were portions which were heavily flooded but with God's grace, we made it safely to Beddeng, San Narciso, Zambales.

I was the first to speak and I taught about Scriptural Authority. This is because the church at Beddeng is coming out from the error of Institutionalism. Then Bro. RON spoke and he preached the first part of "The Message of the Bible". He pointed out that the whole Bible is an unveiling of God's plan of Salvation which was summarized at Genesis 12:1-3. The Old Testament being the preparation of the nation where the Christ will come from. God gave the Law of Moses as their constitution. The first book of the Bible gave the truth that man has sinned and needs a savior.

The Old Testament is teaching that the Savior will come and the New Testament has showed that the Savior has come. The lesson showed the division of Bible History. After Bro. Ron has spoken, I gave my second lesson and taught regarding "Church Benevolence" showing that in all cases of local churches helping the needy, needy saints were helped and nothing is said about churches helping needy non-saints. Then afterward, Bro. RON continued the second part of his lesson.

The attendance of the meeting was about 30. And there were brethren from the nearby institutional

church in San Marcelino. There were even some Institutional preachers. There was a lively Question and Answer session. We went back to Olongapo City through another route and saw flooding in various places but the rain has somewhat abated.

The next day – August 4 was the Lord's Day. We all worshipped in the church at Beddeng. There was in the audience an institutional preacher from the church at Calapandayan, Subic and a visitor from a Pentecostal church. I was the first to speak and I taught about the sin of centralization among local churches. Local churches being autonomous and each local church rules itself and exists independently of other churches. I exposed the errors of centralizing effort among the brethren i.e. the Sponsoring church arrangement.

Then Bro. RON spoke and preached about Christ as the Bread of Life. And he used the lesson in John 6 to show that Christ offers Salvation of our souls and not to feed our physical bodies and showed various errors of social Gospel among brethren. After the Lord's Supper and Collection, Bro. Ron spoke about "Why Saints Assemble". The attendance was about 27.

After the worship, we traveled toward Candon – a nearly 400 kilometer journey. When we reached the Kalaklan gate of the former Subic Naval base, Jerry Moral got down to go back home and the four of us continued the trip to Candon. We entered the SCTEX tollway then entered another tollway, TPLEX. We exited at Pozzorubio, Pangasinan and ate our supper at San Fernando, La Union. We reached Candon at about 10 PM.

The venue of the meeting at Candon was at the house of Bro. Nito Torreliza which is also the meeting place of the church at Candon. The meeting began at 9:00 AM. I was the first to speak and I preached about the "Nature of Man". Then Bro. RON spoke about "The Message of the Bible". After lunch, Bro. James Paet tackled Romans 8. There were several questions after his lesson.

Bro. RON spoke after James. He continued the second part of his Lesson: Message of the Bible –

Salvation in Jesus Christ. He pointed out that God preserved the nation of Israel until the Messiah has come. His second part dealt with the Savior having come. He beautifully connected Jesus as the seed promised to Abraham and that He is the King promised to David to come from his body. Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of God, the promised Savior.

Bro. RON's last message is about "How Sinners Receive Salvation". An invitation was offered and two came forward and later were baptized. Bro. Archie led the singing.

August 6 – the sessions began at about 9:00 AM. James Paet led several songs of praise. Then again, I preached the first lesson. I taught "God Is The Only True Hope". I pointed that God will never forsake and leave us if we are faithful to Him. Then Bro. RON spoke next and he preached "Trust God Till the Danger Passes" citing Psalm 57 when David was fleeing from Saul. David trusted in God that He will deliver him. Bro. RON cited several applications. We went back to Manila after the session on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

August 7 was our Midweek class and I gave applications on arriving to a proper conclusion by collating the evidences i.e. all the verses in their proper context to arrive to a proper conclusion. We made an application as to the Godhead, worship, plan of salvation and church benevolence.

August 8 was our radio program. This program is not only available by the airwave but also via internet in two avenues: FB live and their website. We are able to reach out to various Filipino brethren and non-brethren in countries with the same time zone as the Philippines or those nearer to its time zone e.g. Japan, Middle east and New Zealand.

August 9 was devoted to local home studies and visitations and also studies in song leading and sight singing led by bro. Jerry Moral but was postponed.

The Lord's Day went well. Our Bible Class was on Church Membership – What It means to Be a Member of the Church of the Lord. I did not preach the message but Bro. Jerry Moral did. He spoke about Finding the Right Church. We did have several

visitors. After the service and after eating a quick lunch, I went to Quezon City ( a two our trip) for a study with the men of the church meeting at Judge Jimenez. It was a very profitable one. This small group of brethren are striving and standing for the Truth. They once had a radio program which was very effective but because they are renting the place where they are meeting, they lost it. If you have any opportunity to help out, please contact me.



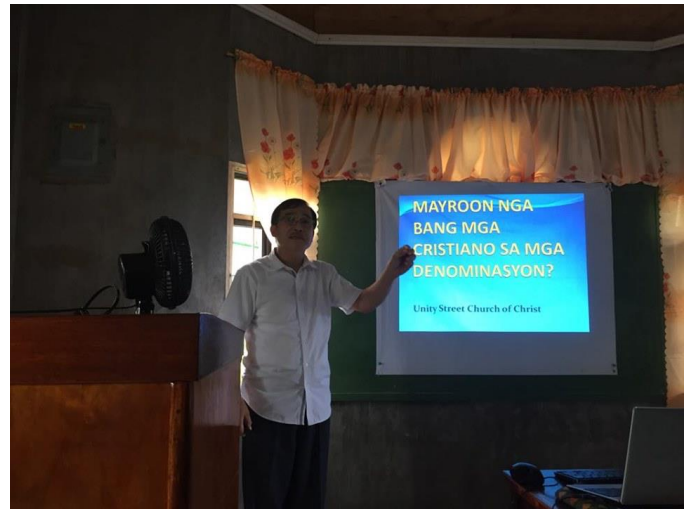
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Bro. RON Halbrook at Beddeng



Brethren at Beddeng



Bro. Archie Alarcon at Candon



Candon, Ilocos Sur



Some of those who attended at Candon. Attendance was at 47.



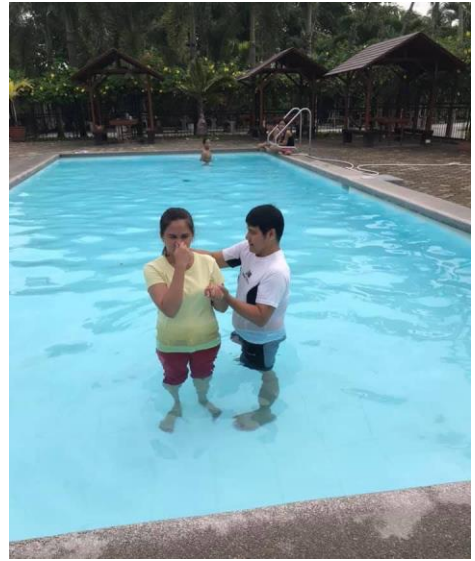
Bro. RON at Candon



The two souls baptized at Candon



James Miclat baptized by my brother Raul



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