

Dear Greg,

You and all the brethren are in our prayers - that you are safe from this Covid Pandemic and you are spiritually sound as well.

Our region (Region 3 – Central Luzon) is still under the “Modified General Community Quarantine”. This means restaurant and other establishment are allowed to open with 50% capacity allowed. Worship is allowed as well but senior citizens (60 years old and above) and 21 years old and below are not allowed to go out. And so our worship does not include them. Our worship is doing okay. We are studying the Book of Ephesians. When I preach I am wearing a face shield plus face mask. All the members wear face masks and some are also wearing face shield. We have a foot operated sanitizer at the door. We do disinfect the building after we use it. We have a temperature scanner (hand held) to determine the body temperature of the brethren. So far so good. No one among the brethren are affected by the Covid 19. Sad news though. Ely Ebuenga (preacher with the Vicars church of Christ in North Caloocan City) died of Covid 19. He is the first and so far (and hopefully the last) the only casualty among the brethren in the Philippines. Jonathan Carino also was hospitalized due to Covid but recovered. There are new brethren infected by the virus: Edwin de Pedro (Canlubang church of Christ) and his daughter; Jefferson Corpuz (Pasig City). Edwin and his daughter are just quarantined at their home while Jefferson is in a Quarantine facility.

The total cases of all infected in the Philippines have amounted to more than 100,000. But the number of those who recovered is 65,000. Fatalities is about 2,000. Most the cases are in Metro-Manila, Cebu City in Central Visayas and in the province of Laguna in Southern Luzon. In our region, it is not that bad.

I still preach twice a day (4 PM and 8 PM) online at Facebook. A brother has uploaded all the videos at You Tube under my name. On the average, there are 300 views on FB daily. We have non-Christians listening, at least two Institutional preachers regularly listening and even an Instrumental church of Christ group uploading the videos on their blog. Even after Covid, I will continue this avenue of preaching. Please pray that souls will be saved via this avenue.

Visitation is still prohibited. Hopefully this pandemic will come to an end.

May God bless and keep us as we do His will.

In brotherly love,

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