

Efren Algaba: Work Report on September 2024

Greetings in the most high name of Jesus Christ.

I am very sorry that the conversion is still zero.

Last month, when I felt a little better and more comfortable, I tried to return to full preaching. However, the side effects from my feet, including swelling and soreness, made me reconsider. I now believe the doctor's advice, as well as Brother Jim McDonald's advice. So, I am just using my feet for short distances and driving every Sunday. I really miss preaching, but due to the limitations of my feet right now, I need to rest and not force it. From what I know, the swelling is caused by eating the wrong foods, taking the wrong medications like painkillers, and a lack of proper exercise. That's why Brother Jim is correct. However, I'm feeling better and better now. Brother Rolly and Brother Nube have requested that I visit them because a few members have asked, and some people also want to hear my preaching there.

Here, a few people have heard my preaching, like the owner of Isabel Pharmacy and his lady vendor, but because of the customers and other buyers, their attention is only partial.

At our house, some people come to consult me about their problems and ask for my legal counsel due to my little knowledge of the law, especially the law of God. Some are becoming interested in the law of God, particularly the New Testament, the perfect law of liberty. One of them is Florante Escancio. In fact, I gave him a Tagalog Bible, and he is very interested in it.

My introduction is, "Don't you know that the Bible is complete?" (Isaiah 34:16), especially the New Testament (John 16:13, 1 Corinthians 4:6, James 1:25, 2 Peter 1:2, and Revelation 22:18-19). Inside the New Testament, there is only one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one baptism, and only one true saving gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). The teaching and preaching of all the apostles during the first century were uniform (1 Corinthians 15:11) and it is strictly prohibited to teach or preach beyond the teachings of the apostles—let them be accursed. By this time, the gospel of which Apostle Paul spoke is the whole doctrine or empire of the New Testament. In fact, Romans 1:16-17 says that the gospel is the power of God to save both Jews and Gentiles. Verse 17 says the righteous shall live from faith to faith, as the New Testament is also called the law of faith (Romans 3:27).

The facts to believe in the gospel are death, burial, and resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:1-4), which Christ mentioned in His Great Commission (Mark 16:15-16), and the apostles faithfully obeyed this (Acts 2:38). Those who obeyed the gospel by baptism composed the

ancient Church of Christ (Acts 2:41-47), and they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine (Matthew 28:20, Revelation 2:10).

However, the gospel preached by human churches is not familiar with the gospel of Christ. The Catholic gospel involves sprinkling and pouring, faith only, etc., which are not in the perfect law of liberty (the New Testament). Their preaching is a grievous crime, intentional (Hebrews 10:26-29), and their destiny is in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10-15). Florante asked many questions, and he is very interested in it.

My pre-law education in college has helped me a lot, especially being a fan of logic. It helped me greatly when I was elected as the head of the *lupon* in Barangay Asdum when we lived there, at the same time as the adviser to the barangay captain. Because of this, the barangay was able to stop corruption and illegal activities, and many cases were solved fairly. Here in Longos, some people call me "attorney no case," hahaha. The barangay chose me as a member of the *lupon* (barangay justice), but because of health problems, I had to decline. I always take advantage of every opportunity to preach the precious gospel of Christ, but many people are fanatics about their religion. They use their emotions rather than their intellect.

Our plan is to have a program on YouTube, maybe before the end of this year, Lord willing.

I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering trust and fellowship with me. I am especially grateful to the beloved elders for their guidance and support. Please know that you, your family, and all the brethren there, including the elders, are constantly in our prayers for your physical and spiritual well-being. May God continue to bless your kind and wonderful soul.

In Christ,

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