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**MINISTRY UPDATE**

There is no greater reason to rejoice than to see somebody gets saved. This is the sovereign work of God. We work and toil together in His vineyard, but the Lord is the one Who gives the increase. Moreover, to see them also follow Christ in baptism provides us an equal cause to celebrate His goodness. We then strive to continue to disciple them in the Word of God. Here in this country, we are glad to see the Lord's great commission being carried out . . . one person at a time.



*Bro. Ching wears a big smile as he is about to be baptized.*

In the last quarter the Lord has blessed us with two more baptisms. One of them who was baptized was Bro. Willy Ching. Bro. Ching is an overseas Chinese who has been residing and working in Taiwan for many years. He came to know the Lord and accepted Him as his own personal Savior during one Sunday morning late last year. He was actually one of the four people who made professions of faith that day, and the second person of the four who decided to follow the Lord in baptism.

Please help us pray for these people, who are newly born-again Christians, that the Lord would help them to continue to grow spiritually and be rooted and grounded in the Word of God. They are quite an encouragement to everyone in our church as their desire to know more about God and their zeal to serve the Lord are very evident. For all of these we give God all the glory and honor!

**FAMILY UPDATE**

In my previous letters I requested for prayers in behalf of my sister, Lornie Cabrera, who had ovarian cancer. For over a year since she was diagnosed with the disease, she relied on the Lord's grace and mercy to comfort her and to sustain her. Last April the Lord finally took her home relieving her of all her pain and misery caused by her cancer.



*Pastor Basilan poses with his father during his visit to Taiwan.*

Also in my last letter I mentioned about my father being diagnosed with liver cancer. Since his treatment began, there has been an improvement in his health condition. His body seems to be responding well to the drugs and to the type of treatment being administered to him. We thank the Lord for this positive development. We hope that you'll continue to include him in your prayers.

After my sister's body was laid to rest, my father came over to Taiwan to visit us for the first time and witnessed the Lord's work carrying on. We thank the Lord for His goodness toward our family. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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