

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

Discipleship is a must for Christians

National Hoops in Indonesia



EVENTS THIS MONTH

NH IN INDONESIA

October 26 - November 6

TRIP TO LIPA, BATANGAS November 27 - December 3

Peter and I flew to Indonesia to help run the tournament in two cities for two weeks. It is also our goal to train Heru for the ministry. If I could think of one word to describe the lesson I learned throughout this trip, it's the word – DISCIPLESHIP.

Sadly, many churches today don't put much emphasis on discipleship as they do to evangelism. Of course, it is very important that each Christian share the Gospel with others but we must also be reminded of 2 Timothy 2:2 which says that we ought to teach or disciple others as we have learned for ourselves.





If I could put my own definition of the word discipleship based on what we have experienced in Indonesia, it means to share one's life with a specific person, to lead him to the only Source of wisdom for our everyday life, to teach him Biblical principles, to be his accountability partner, to grow together, to rejoice together, to follow God's leading together.

Discipleship made me accountable to God as well, as I take His Word and use it for my own spiritual growth so that I will be able to say and teach something to that specific person God has entrusted me with.

I am very thankful for this opportunity to help in the ministry in Indonesia. Thankful for Pastor Mike for his example especially in the area of discipleship. We are very excited for what God has in store for National Hoops in Indonesia.

After two weeks in Indonesia, we had almost three weeks off. We attended the 40th Church Anniversary of Las Pinas Baptist Church, my wife's home church. Then, we helped in our church in Malabon every Sunday. Also, we began preparing for our trip to Batangas on the last week of November.

LIPA, BATANGAS

Praise the Lord for another trip before this year ends. Pastor Johnny Carmelotes from Trinity Baptist Church was my counselee when I was still studying at Word of Life. I remember that time he surrendered his vices and his life to the Lord. Now, he is serving as a Pastor in Batangas. Currently, they are meeting at a member's house because of some problems before with their church building but we praise the Lord for his willingness to host a week for NHP.

I also praise the Lord for His grace, that He allowed me to witness the fruit of our discipleship days back when we were in Word of Life.







The tournament went well though it was a very hot day. They only have half the court with roof. But no weather can and should stop us for sharing God's Word. There were 12 teams who came and 8 salvation decisions that day. We spent Sunday morning with the members at the house church. Pastor Johnny's ministry there was a blessing and a reminder to be diligent no matter what the circumstances are. By the way, their church is located along a cemetery.

We're planning to hold a tournament once a year in their area. This is the last tournament for the year 2017, we will resume by January again.

Another blessing we praise the Lord for is the first birthday of our daughter, Amy Michaela last December 18. This is yet another avenue to practice disicipleship for we are called to train our children in the right path, the path that leads to God.

We also celebrated our 2nd year wedding anniversary last December 19. We have learned a lot from each other and we're both very excited for what God has in store for us in the years to come.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US

1. Pastor Johnny and his ministry in Lipa. Wisdom, safety as he travels from his home in Sto. Tomas Batangas to Lipa (30–45minutes) every week for ministry.

2. More contacts for January-March 2018.

3. Visa application for me and my family.

-We are praying to go to the States next year to train for mentoring and discipleship. Please pray with us for God's will regarding this matter.



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