

Calvary Chapel Bacolod

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How many times do we hear, "GOOD LUCK!?" Or thank your Lucky Stars! ...Luck of the Irish...

But really there's no "LUCK" in the LORD. God has a plan & does



that many times in our family, with grace to face anything together.

Giving all our struggles to God we trusted in His plan & just enjoyed our baby Israel.

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psa 147:3



what is best. God is always in control.

The afternoon was Hot, lots of folks crowded around the small hut in the



That was 5 years ago & with each birthday, we thank our Lord for another year.



squatter's area. The stench made our stomachs turn. It was too late to save the mother. We ministered before we took

the tiny baby. He was struggling to breathe & so frail in our arms, as we walked back to Calvary.

He was malnourished, but something else was wrong, terribly wrong. Doctors confirmed, pneumonia & advanced TB. But it got worse, baby Israel's heart had only 2 valves.

He only had half a heart. We were told, "If you are "LUCKY", he could possibly live another month."

We prayed & talked to everyone we knew, trying to get him a new heart. Even praying for a miracle to get Israel, to the States, but doors never opened. He was too weak & being a Down's Syndrome baby, didn't help. They still said, "There was nothing more they could do." God can fix everything, especially, broken hearts. He's done



Just minutes, around Israel & he'll be your "BEST" friend. He has never met a person he didn't like. He wiggles onto your lap & into your heart.

Israel's not shy at all. He'll just walk right up, smile, stretch out his arms & you're buds. Before you even know it, he'll have you smiling.

He's game for any goofiness. Loves to laugh & wear funny costumes. He entertains everyone with his silly antics. Forever the clown.

We don't know when the Lord wants our little "son-shine" in Heaven. But we know it's all in God's wonderful Plan.

When you hear someone say, "GOOD LUCK!" Smile & remember Israel cuz, there's no "LUCK" in the Lord.



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Pastor Joe's Place

On Sunday mornings I am teaching in the book of Acts. I'm blessed, that God used many different **characters** to serve Him. He still does!

Wonderful to see God's work in His church. Great to realize the love of Christ for all people. Exciting to watch the Holy Spirit's power move, even now & boy am I thankful to know, by His grace, He still uses **characters** like **me** to serve Him.

Allowing
Characters
To
Serve

In His Grace, Joe



Kids Korner

Our Tatay says, **Mission's Pastors** are a blessing from the LORD. They minister to the body, the missionary & the missionary's kids.

He says, God's given them, a special

love for missionaries. Understanding those who are called, by God, to go to an unfamiliar culture, maybe even another country. They have grace for the Bumps & trials. Good times & joys. Hardships & Sacrifices.

They pray for the mission. Sympathize when missionaries leave family, friends & the familiar. They encourage the missionary, even, the missionary kids.

Rejoice when folks, all over the world, come to Jesus. While they stay back to support, with the church body.

He says they are leaders, that never get tired leading teams, year after year, to visit us. They are different, special folks. With one thing in common; a heart for the Lord, the body of Christ and the missionary. So we, little r's are all thankful for **Mission's Pastors**.

One, extra special Mission's Pastor, stands out, right now to our family, Dave Hinchey. He was the mission's pastor of Calvary Chapel Bible Fellowship. But he's just Tito Dave, to us.

Tatay told us, he's heard God's call to come to the Philippines.



Tito Dave wants to be a missionary in Himamaylan, that's 2 hrs from our house. Cool, that will be FUN.

We don't know the details completely, cuz we're kids. But we know God will work things out, as we pray.

O' yeah there's one more thing, he's not only heard God's call to be a missionary, but also last summer, he asked our family if he can really **"LIKE"** one of our big sisters.

So we kids get to share, that Tito Dave's courting our Manang Jen. (she really likes him too)

Tatay says, by God's grace, the Lord will do great things with our special Mission's Pastor/Missionary/Tito.

Welcome to the Family Tito Dave!



Love, the "little r's"

