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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have been hearing concerning the **very cold weather** in the States. Here in the **Mindanao area**, we have had a **good amount of rain**, and **cooler weather for us**. There has been a **storm** in the **Visayas, the Central Islands**, and a number of **domestic flights have been cancelled**. **Barbara and I** have been in the **new location**, a **small apartment**, since **January 19**. I told brethren that it is like "**pouring two liters of water into a one liter container**." **The apartment is much smaller than the house** where we lived for **more than 12 years**. **Furniture and a bed** were disposed of, and **we are now settled**. Because of so many helpers, we were able to **transfer our heavier possessions by about 9:30 A. M.** on the morning of **January 19**. **During our recent leadership class**, which will be mentioned below, we had **four brothers staying with us**, three of whom slept on foam rubber on the floor. **Ken Wilkey has his own bedroom and place to study**. The apartment, I estimate, is only about **650-700 square feet in size**.

Ken will be leaving us, Lord willing, **tomorrow afternoon**. He will fly to **Cebu City**, and then take a **boat to Leyte** to visit the brothers working in the new congregation in **Hinunangan in Eastern Leyte**. Then, Lord willing, **we will meet in the North for work there**.

Because of **some back problems**, and the recent leadership class here, I have asked to be **excused from teaching** in the mountains of **Negros this next weekend**. Because other brothers are doing much of the teaching, which, of course, is our objective, I would only have taught a limited amount. Brethren in that area seem to be excited about that work, and **Richard Emperado is working with them**.

In our **leadership class** here in **Davao** this past week, brothers came from a number of places, from the north shore and cities such as **Cagayan de Oro and Butuan**, from the provinces surrounding **Davao**, and from the area to the West of us in **Central Mindanao**. It was a very "tiring" period of about **16 hours a day**, but **very encouraging**. We will report in detail concerning this class on the next page.

**THE EXTENSION LEADERSHIP CLASS IN DAVAO CITY,
FEBRUARY 9-12**

For many years, we have seen a need to place **more emphasis** in preaching on the **Lordship of Jesus** and our **discipleship**. In December, in the **Evangelism Workshop on Luzon**, I spoke on this need. However, before I spoke, **others were emphasizing the same need**. Our class in **Davao** this past week had the topic, "**The MESSAGE We Must Preach**." I will include a picture of **part of the class** and then some **reasons why** the study was so encouraging.

(1) I believe over **60 brothers** attended the class. The lessons emphasized the need to preach **JESUS as the Lord**, and ourselves as **TRUE DISCIPLES**. Older preachers were present, and many who are younger. (2) **Discussion groups** examined the sermons in the book of **Acts** that always focused on **JESUS**. (3) I only taught for **TWO class periods**. The remainder of the studies were taught by several very competent teachers. (4) The class included **22 students from Southern Mindanao Bible College** two hours West of us. (5) **On one day**, the entire group went out to **TWO different places** in the City to distribute **correspondence course materials and Bible tracts**. (6) Because of agreement on **Biblical teaching** and the possible outreach in many areas, we feel that the impact on the church will be good.

Lord willing, I will soon put all of these lessons, which were presented in Power Point, into a **booklet** that will be available for many brethren to teach. I am also working on a **booklet**

on I Corinthians, and will also be preparing **lessons for the next class**. I will also include a picture of students at **Southern Mindanao Bible College** and their teachers.

"THE AGONY AND GLORY OF THE CROSS"

Brethren in the States have graciously offered to provide many copies of the book, "**The Agony and Glory Of The Cross**" by brother **Charles Hodge**. Brother **Ken Wilkey** had sent by boat mail **SIX boxes** containing hundreds of copies of the book, **two boxes to the Manila area, two boxes to Cebu City, and two boxes here**. Lord willing, in our next class, **June 2-5**, we will teach lessons from this book at **Southern Mindanao Bible College**, and "**leading brothers**" from **Central Mindanao** will be invited to come. **Evangelism will be done in the area, people will be invited to attend a Seminar, and personal evangelism will be done**. The book will be given as a present to those studying with all of us. We hope and pray that this can be done in many parts of the nation with **thousands of copies distributed**.

Lord willing, I will join **Ken Wilkey and Felipe Cariaga** on the 25th of February in **Manila**, and then we will go to **Occidental Mindoro** to meet with **some brethren there**. We have never met these brothers. It is our prayer that **good evangelism and leadership training** can come out of this.

I also wanted to report that more and more of the **study booklets we are preparing** are being requested by brethren in different places. Our **only request** of the brothers is that they improve them and **USE THEM IN TEACHING**. God bless all of you. Thank you so much for your wonderful help.

Your brother,
Bob Buchanan