

Efren Algaba: Work Report on April 2024

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health. I also extend my warm greetings to all the brethren there, especially the elders, preacher, and deacons, in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

April 3. My preaching to Rodrigo, who is a sympathizer, led to lots of questions, all of which I answered accurately. However, the source of his income or his boss is INC (Iglesia ni Cristo). Although I explained to him that God is the source of our income as well as our life, citing Matthew 6:19-33.

In the first week of April, I only preached three times in the field, unfortunately, most of the times, my prospects were not at home. On other days, I wasn't feeling well due to dizziness and vomiting. However, on April 7, I did my best to preach here in Longos for the Sunday service, but Cynthia was absent due to her daughter's activity at school, requiring her mother's attention. Consequently, I didn't acquire any photo regarding my preaching in Longos. My topic was about wisdom.

In the second week of April, on the 14th, my preaching focused on Job 28:12-28, 1st Corinthians 1:24, 1st Corinthians 2:6-8, and Colossians 3:16. 4 days of preaching in San Antonio Lunao and Longos, my efforts seemed in vain as people were busy with work, farming, and wood carving. The other two days, I rested my feet due to pain. Nevertheless, I preached during the Sunday service, discussing patience. James 5:11, "Patience according to Peter, patience according to James, patience according to the 10 books of Job." Usually, our Sunday service here in Longos is from 10 in the morning until 12:00 noon and in the afternoon. However, I received a sad message from Brother Benson stating that Brother Lino fell from the jackfruit tree and is in critical condition. I hurriedly went to Laguna Doctors in Santa Cruz, where we had a short conversation. The family brought him to Cavite to a famous massager for 2 days, and later, the wealthy siblings of Brother Lino decided to bring him to Manila PGH for surgery. Unfortunately, after a few days, we received very sad news about Brother Lino. He was my first fruit in Alcate and the donor of our chapel.

On April 21, during the Sunday service, my topic is the divine calling of God, encompassing various callings: calling to Noah, calling to Abraham, calling to Moses, calling to become a Christian, calling to change lifestyle, and calling to death—the last calling of God to inherit eternal life.

In the fourth week, I continued to experience dizziness and vomiting. However, when feeling well, I conducted door-to-door preaching with my wife, where one became interested when I repeated the Seventh Day Adventist beliefs and showed how Adventists began their wrong interpretation of the scriptures. She was so glad, and hopefully, Evangeline will obey the gospel soon.

Regarding my illness, on April 29, my daughter Cynthia suggested the benefits of olive oil, lemon, and honey. After trying it, I was surprised by its remarkable effect in alleviating my symptoms. I am now able to sleep well and hope to visit the brethren in Sariaya, Quezon, as brother Nobe invited me to go there again.

If there was a sad news, there is a good news! My first fruit in Calaguimay (San Esidro) Naujan, Oriental Mindoro, Nandy Dimaunahan, now has started a concrete chapel in his lot which he was donated. My dreams comes true!

Thank you very much to my dear brethren in Forth Worth for the early sending of my support, and for your constant trust and fellowship with me.

You are always kept in our prayers for good health, healthy soul and strong faith in Him. May He bless your kind soul.

In Christ.

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