



FAITH OVERSEAS MISSION

Training Filipino Nationals, Planting Churches, Preaching Christ



Pure Faith Baptist Church

Pastor Bert Abellera

Pastor Bert Abellera has been with Faith Overseas Mission since 2016. An electrician, he had been faithful in his local church but felt the Lord calling him to pastor. He and his son, Gohan, began taking classes at G.S.S.T. while simultaneously taking on greater roles in their church. The beginning of the pandemic was for many the beginning of a slowing down, but we praise the Lord that that was not the case for our churches and certainly not for Pastor Bert.

A key element in any church plant is location and for many in the Philippines it is very important that the church they attend be within walking distance or require no more than one trike ride. Often, before the church is planted, a Bible study will be started in the area. This lays the foundation for the congregation and, perhaps a building site, or simply a location for gathering together for weekly worship. Pastor Bert has several of these Bible study groups and, much like the satellite branches of large churches in America, Pastor Bert has several



branches of Pure Faith Baptist Church. However, instead of projecting it online in real time, he holds separate meetings in separate locations throughout the week. It is both a blessing and a rebuke to our hearts to see each week the faces of those Pastor Bert is shepherding and teaching about Christ! Would you please pray for the Lord to give him wisdom and strength to fulfill his calling? Please also pray that He would continue to meet the growing financial needs of these church bodies and Pastor Bert and his family.



Pastor Renz Calonge, his wife, family and the youth of Faith Baptist Church have been making preparations for their annual youth rally set to be held April 1-2. Unfortunately, due to recent Covid spikes in the Philippines, restrictions have once again been implemented and the Youth Rally has been rescheduled for May. Included are pictures from a work day and, while it is very important to them to be physically prepared, more important than this is the prayer that has been poured into the Youth Rally. This April, FBC, Mabini will take advantage of the delay and will hold a special midnight prayer service for this event. Will you join them in praying that the Lord will bless this event and would use it to reach souls with the Gospel?



Faith Baptist Church		
YOUTH REVIVAL VII		
Stay Connected to God amidst the Pandemic		
Thursday, April 1, 2021		
Arrival	1:00 - 2:30	• • •
Session (Rev. R. Abellera)	2:30 - 4:00	• • •
Bible Quiz	4:00 - 5:15	• • •
Dinner	5:30 - 7:00	• • •
Session (Rev. R. Abellera)	7:00 - 9:00	• • •
Break	9:00 - 9:30	• • •
Light Off	9:30--	
Friday, April 2, 2021		
Devotion - Lucap Wharf	4:30 - 6:30	
Breakfast	6:30 - 8:15	
Outdoor Games	8:30 - 11:30	
Lunch and Sista	12:00 - 1:30	
Session (Pfr. A. Pania)	1:30 - 3:00	
Group Practice	3:00 - 4:30	
Break	4:30 - 5:00	
Dinner and Preparation	5:00 - 7:00	
Session (Pfr. A. Pania)	7:00 - 10:00	
Break	10:00 - 10:45	
Lights Off	10:45--	
Saturday, April 3, 2021		
Breakfast	6:00 - 7:00	
Departure	7:00 onwards	

It remains uncertain if in-person events such as banquets will be a part of the "new normal" so, as an alternative to this, we are working on a live stream event. The purpose of this event will be to introduce, or better acquaint, you with the ministry workers and work of FOM. Stay tuned for more info on this!

We are very thankful to be able to not only update you on our pastors, ministry workers and all that God is doing in FOM and the Philippines, but to also be able to share our many prayer requests and ask you to join us in asking and trusting the Lord to provide for these. We are thankful for the opportunities to see Him work! I have included a QR code below and if you scan it, it will lead you to our website (which continues to be in the developmental stages) where you can view the newest update, our prayer request list under our Get Involved page. In addition to staying current on how you can pray specifically for FOM, by visiting our website you can also stay up to date on Christmas (Rice) in July, shipments of Sunday School and other materials, and updates to our online giving options.

We can never say thank you enough for your giving, support and prayer on behalf of FOM. We are blessed to share the joy of being involved in what the Lord is doing half-way across the world where the hearts are so tender and the harvest truly is ready. We pray that you are walking daily in His peace.

In Him, Myron & Kim Powell, Andra Powell



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