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THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME



Jesus had sent His disciples to make ready for what would be the last Passover He'd spend with them before He suffered. He said to them, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you..." It was not just the passover meal that Jesus longed for, but with whom He'd get to share that meal. He had a love for these men, and as His thoughts were set on what was about to happen to Himself, He was going to be able to explain to these men in vivid terms the significance of the broken bread and the juice of the vine. Here He would give the picture to them as an ordinance that would act as a memorial, commemorating His death, until He comes again.

Faith is a local D.J. for the top radio station in Dumaguete. Coming from a family where her father was a pastor, she felt guilty about pretending to be something she was not. She visited our church at the request of her father. She told me that God made it very clear to her that this is the church for her family. She began promoting our church services on the radio station which plays "love songs." Management was not favorable to this, of course, and she decided to resign her lucrative job so that she can be a better Christian.

As the pastor of a new church, knowing that we have these two ordinances—baptism and the Lord's Supper— I have looked forward to having the opportunity to teach our people and to take the Lord's Supper with them. This Sunday evening was dedicated to taking the time to explain from the Scriptures the significance of the Lord's Supper and to teach them how we'd administer it in our church. How important this evening was as I helped many to see that the Lord's Supper is only to help us remember and that it has no saving power in and of itself. In a country that is predominantly Roman Catholic, there are false ideas about the bread becoming the literal body of Jesus and the juice becoming His actual blood. How wonderful it is to see the understanding opened in the eyes and on the countenances of these young believers.

Faith has been promoting International Baptist Church to all of her friends. She brought a "listener" that she'd just met to church on Sunday. Nelson received Christ and was baptized!

We closed our service with the Lord's Supper. This was a great time, and I was excited to see many of our people take the Lord's Supper for the first time and for the right reason.

We've been praying that God would send to us just the right people who He could use to help us advance in our ministry. None of our team is fluent in the local dialect. Many speak English, and we're focusing and building a base of people from those who are bi-lingual. Many of these will grow to help us in reaching out to those with whom we cannot personally communicate. Already several are coming out soul winning with us and translating. Most of our members have already committed to go through our discipleship materials which start with memorizing verses pertaining to salvation. God is answering our prayer. We have two men who have pastored that have become part of our church. A young lady who for years was part of another missionary's ministry here in the Philippines has moved to Dumaguete and found our church through our website. She joined the church Sunday morning. God is doing and will do great things. Please continue to pray as we press forward.

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH	
Statistics	
THIS WEEK	
Saved:	27
Baptized:	1
Sunday School:	37
A.M. Service:	57
P.M. Service:	39
Mid-Week:	33
2011 TOTALS	
Saved:	101
Baptized:	19



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