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Equipping and Training National Pastors in the Philippines



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Dear Supporters and Friends,

FINISHING UP THE FALL SEMESTER! We just completed our 9th week of classes at Haven of Grace Seminary. As the semester winds down, the course on 1 Corinthians has been even better than I had hoped. Starting out, I wasn't sure how the live, interactive classes would be received. However, now that we are nearing the end, I would classify the venture as an unqualified success. My ultimate goal for the classes was to provide the much-needed interactive quality of live teaching. Our setup has provided that. While teaching I am able to see the students' reactions, hear their questions, and simply enjoy their fellowship. It has been great!



Here are just a few of the comments I've received over the course of the semester from the guys who are taking the class:

"This class really helps me understand 1 Corinthians clearly"

"I am richly blessed and privileged to be learning 1 Corinthians"

"Thank you so much Dr. Tim I learn a lot for you"

"Thank you Ptr. Tim for the privilege of learning the book of 1 Cor, yes I learned much from you in this book"

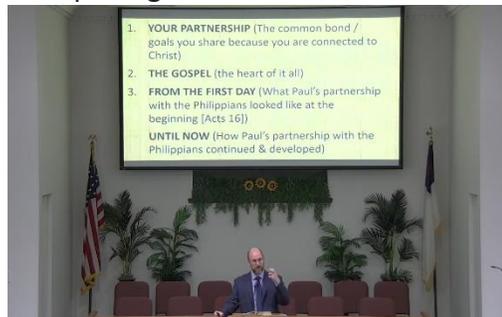


In addition to teaching classes, I also continue the weekly mentorship meetings with our Assistant Director, Pastor Lowell Arbolario. To be honest, this one-on-one time of mentoring our future Haven of Grace Seminary leadership is just as valuable as my classroom instruction to the dozens of students I teach on a weekly basis. Every time we meet, I am reminded of God's providential leading to bring this faithful man on board. Our mission at Haven of Grace is very simple: Train faithful men who will be able to teach others also (2 Tim. 2:2). It is a joy to partner together with Pastor Lowell.

This verse from 2 Timothy provides a good opportunity to share about our plans for the Spring semester as well. We will continue our live, interactive courses with a study in the Pastoral Epistles. Just this past week, I began preparing for the class. I will be investing the next 1-2 months of my life into the texts of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus—and let me tell you, there is no greater joy than digging into God's Word. Lord willing, over these weeks I will read thousands of pages of commentaries and prepare 150-200 pages of course notes. These kinds of studies are all-consuming. Practically every work hour will be focused on the Pastoral Epistles. I would appreciate your prayers on my behalf as I begin in earnest.

As far as the spring semester goes, we are praying about increasing the number of locations where I will be teaching. Presently, we are hosting classes in two locations (Bacolod and Pulupandan—both on the island of Negros [Philippines]). However, we have requests to host in additional locations further south on our island. The use of technology opens so many doors for our ministry of training national pastors in the Philippines (and even beyond). Please pray for wisdom to know which sites to add in the next semester.

In addition to work at the seminary, I have also had preaching opportunities here in the area. I was privileged to fill in for Pastor Guy Simpson in early October and preach the opening services of their Missions Emphasis Month.



Then I had the chance to return to Independent Bible Fellowship Church (Harrington, DE) toward the end of October to speak once more. Pastor and Susan Simpson have been friends to our family for such a long time, and I greatly respect their faithfulness and godly testimony.



Once more, we are so grateful for your prayers and support as we continue the work of training Filipinos for the gospel ministry.

Serving Christ,
The Valiantes
2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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Prayer Requests:

- For preparations for the upcoming course in the Pastoral Epistles.
- Wisdom in knowing which locations to add for the Spring Semester.
- For COVID cases to diminish in the Philippines.

Praises To God:

- For a great semester in our study of 1 Corinthians. (The interaction has been great. The technology has worked well. The students have been engaged!)
- For no cancelled classes this semester due to COVID lockdowns or restrictions.