

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord”

To share one's testimony is a great privilege and an opportunity to give glory to God for His saving grace and mercies that delivered us from the penalty of sin and reconciled us back to Him.

I am Samuel C. Mingo, 45 years of age. I came to know of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ during my time in a Christian drug rehabilitation center. For many years, I was engaged in sinful vices that include among others, substance abuse. Looking back, I can say that I had been living a miserable life, helpless and hopeless, all because of my sinful habits.

All along I thought that I will have to go through life with no hope for change in view, until I found myself in a voluntary rehabilitation program in the House of Hope in 2004. As a Christian ministry, the program of activities there includes quiet time and family devotion, Bible study and prayer, and worship every Lord's Day. Hearing the preaching of God's Word and reading the Bible daily have enlightened me and opened my eyes to the truth and brought peace and comfort to my weary soul. It is like the filling of water into my dry and thirsty soul, something that I miss in my entire life!

It did not take long for the power of the gospel to convict me of my sins and to believe and receive Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. Soon after, my wife also was brought to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Going through my program and being new in the faith, we were anxious as to which church we will be

joining. In July 2004, Gethsemane B-P Mission Church (Cebu) was inaugurated and we were among the very first to attend the services. Then we signed up for catechism class and was subsequently baptized by Pastor Koshy.

Since then, we have been worshipping and serving the Lord together with our 2 sons – Kieffer and Jethro. Together with us, the Lord also has worked in the lives of 2 more souls – Sis. Riza, a close friend of Marites, and her daughter Junko who have been staying with us. They too have long been members of Gethsemane Cebu. As the Bible says in Acts 16:31, *“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”*

Praise and glory be to our God for His saving grace that has called us and brought us into His family in Christ Jesus.

My prayer is that the Lord would sustain us in our resolve to serve Him all the days of our lives.

by Samuel Mingo



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to bear. All we have to do is to pray and trust Him in everything.

Psalm 27:14 “Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart...”

Life is going to be hard, but we know that this is only temporary; a sort of training ground for us in

preparation for the time when we will be with our Lord in heaven. I can say now with full confidence that no amount of pressure nor even a great and grand temptation can separate us from the love of God and the grace in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior (Rom 8:35-39). . . for we are Rooted and Built-Up in Christ!

by Rigel Teñedo