



The Espinosa Family



The Sagpangan Church is attended by many children of various ages. The number attending Sabbath School and church service vary from 8 to 55. Many enjoy coming because of the wonderful arts and crafts, learning and reciting Bible memory verses, listening to Bible stories and the joyful singing. Children of all ages love attending Sabbath school, Vacation Bible School and Branch Sabbath school as it helps them connect with other kids and gives them a sense of community and a way to learn Christian principles. Consequently, they also attend children/youth seminars and other activities from other religious organizations. However, most recently, the older children, the teenagers are beginning to have questions. What makes the Seventh-day Adventist Christians different? Why don't they eat pork? And why do most of the women dress simply without jewelry?

One of the older youths, who is considered one of the leaders from another religious organization, whose responsibility is to gather the children before the preacher comes, wondered why the preacher is teaching them that there is no Second Coming. This older youth was bothered about that preacher's teaching for many days. Eventually he decided to visit us one Sunday afternoon and asked that question that has been bothering him for many days. Raylene and I went over and read the verses of the Bible pertaining to Jesus' second coming with him. He was glad to know that the second coming of Jesus is true and he agreed to come every Sunday afternoon to continue learning from the Bible, God's Holy Word. The next Sunday he asked about the thousand years in heaven. Praise be to God this young man is so interested in studying the Bible every Sunday afternoon!



Prior to this older youth's visit, seven of his friends have already been studying the Bible with us. Raylene is their Sabbath School teacher and they feel comfortable sharing their problems with her. These young people come to church eager and happy to talk to Raylene and share their problems; seeking advice. Oftentimes, they want to stay longer to continue with the counseling they get from her. One of the young ladies is clearly conflicted. She tried to commit suicide by cutting her wrist because of a problem.

Recently, eight kids came to our house just to get their ears cleaned, for wound care and tooth extraction. Children are precious to God, He said "Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

We need your prayer and support to encourage these children to continue to come and learn more about the truth that Jesus preached. Thank you for your prayers and support!

God bless you!

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