



Full Surrender, by Edgar

"...the Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." —Matthew 26:41

Narciso, a 70-year-old man, lives in our village of Sagpangan. His father was an Adventist, but Narciso had not followed in his father's ways. Despite that, he did not forget the beliefs he was brought up in. Whenever a group comes to give him a Bible study, he tells them that he is an Adventist, even though he is not baptized and does not attend church.

As we've gotten to know Narciso, he showed us the location of where the Adventist Church used to stand in 1972. It was right on his property, next to his house. In solemnness, he shared he never build anything on that piece of land. He kept retelling that old story to anyone; to his children, grandchildren, and anyone willing to listen.

When we had our last set of evangelistic meetings, we invited Narciso and all his children with their families to come-- and they came! They attended for two weeks of study, but no one decided to be baptized. We extended the study in his own house for a week but still, no one took the next step to follow Jesus. Narciso is the head of the family and had he decided to be baptized, his entire relatives would have followed. The reason Narciso seems to hesitate is because he cannot give up alcohol and his unhealthy diet. He loves them too much. He cannot resist the temptation to join a friend for drinks of alcohol. His wife is willing to be baptized but she first waits for her husband to be baptized.

We continue to invite them to join us for church every Sabbath, and they have been attending. Praise the Lord! Even though they are not ready to fully commit we know the Holy Spirit is working on their hearts. Please help us pray for Narciso to seek the Holy Spirit to give him the strength to resist temptations and to live a life fully surrendered to the will of God.



God's People, by Christine

As I was driving to the hospital to visit a friend, I received a call from Edgar. He was calling on behalf of our Bible student whose husband, Oliver, had an accident. Oliver was doing carpentry work in his house that morning when a 2x2 wood fell and hit his right eye where some small particles got embedded. Bleeding and in pain, they called me to see if I could reach a medical professional for help and advice. It was already 5pm on a Sunday. I took the chance to see a friend at the Internal Medicine Clinic. When I reached the clinic, I saw Dr. Cynie who happened to be there. I handed her the phone so that Edgar can consult with her on what to do.

They were advised to bring the patient to the Emergency Room for proper diagnosis by an Ophthalmologist and not wait since the eyes are a sensitive organ and needs to be assessed to see the extent of damage.

As always, money for hospitalization or treatment is a major deterrent to forego seeing a health professional. The couple were reluctant to commit to go but as always,

God provided. Dr. Cynie promised to take care of the bill! At 9pm they arrived at the ER where Dr. Cynie and I have been waiting. Oliver was examined and prescribed medications. As it was already late in the evening, the hospital pharmacy was closed. We all had to go to the nearest pharmacy to purchase the prescribed medications. It was 10:30 pm when I finally got home.

I am so glad to be a witness to God's people who work together for the health and benefit of His children. In Matthew 10:29 it says, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." God knows our needs and He has people everywhere who are there to encourage, support and comfort His people. Praise be to God!

Prayer Request and Project Need

Willing hearts to serve as missionaries with AWA in the beautiful island of Palawan ministering to the beautiful people of the Philippines.

Both our Philippine Project vehicles are in need of replacement. Both are serving well and serving extremely hard. Prayerfully consider assisting the project of purchasing new vehicles for Edgar in Sagpangan, and Christine and Betchie in Puerto Princesa.

God bless you!

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