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### Hope International University

In early March we hosted another class in the second series of Bible classes from Hope International. The weather was cold and raining but still had 45-50 people each evening. Pastor Ron Sheveland taught the second half of Nehemiah.

At the end of class on Wednesday evening a graduation ceremony was held to give Certificates from Hope to about 40 people who attended all the classes last year. Gary and I shook hands with each graduate and had a photo taken with each person.

Most of the people would not be able to leave to go to school so bringing classes to them gives people an opportunity to learn more about the Bible. Certificates mean so much more here then in most western nations so it was really exciting to see their reactions. After graduation a meal was served as part of the ceremonies.

The classes will continue every other month and conclude in December with another graduation.

Lynne and I are so grateful to Gary, Omar and the University plus all the teachers who come to expand the knowledge of our friends in San Vicente.

# Wedding

We have been in San Vicente long enough now that the early Angels have completed their education and getting married. It is so special when these young people come and personally invite us to attend the special events in their life.

We had the honor to attend the wedding of Betel & Pablo. This is the third wedding in the past six months. It was so much fun to watch these young people mature and choose great life partners who also love Jesus.



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#### Coronavirus

Many of you have asked how we are doing and how the present situation has effected us. School has been canceled till further notice, and people are staying home as much as possible. When needed we go to the grocery store early in the morning and rarely see anyone except the store clerk. We are being very careful to limit our contact with people but when someone comes by for any reason we do our best to fulfill their need even if is just to talk.

Because of the potential risk we are taking steps to protect ourselves and limit our exposer. As far as we know there are no cases of Coronavirus in our area. The old saying my father used to tell me was, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

## Old Friend

The day after the Bible classes we drove 1.5 hours south and met an old friend for lunch. Chuck Church and his family came to Roseburg after several years in the Philippines. Chuck was the librarian at Faith Academy, a Christian school in Manila.

He was on a short term missions trip with his church from southern California. It was so good to see him and hear what he has been doing the past several years. It is so enjoyable to hear how people are serving God and how God has used them to impact the lives of people. We look forward to seeing Chuck again and plan to do that in the next few months.

## Praise and Prayer

- Praise as we see young people making good choices in their lives
- Pray for that we remain free of illness
- Praise that we have not been sick this winter
- Praise for the Hope International Bible classes
- Pray for the future Bible classes and the teachers
- Praise for the Angels and their desire to serve God both at the local church and with us

When someone is nasty or treats you poorly, don't take it personally. It says nothing about you but a lot about them

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