

THE JALANDONI'S

JULY- SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear Pastor Gerard Cotter and the Church,

"Greetings in the name of our LORD JESUS and from your family here in OBBC- VN..."

" Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness." (Psa. 48:1) Great is the LORD God whom we served! We are grateful for His kindness, loving mercies, provisions, preservations, and for the many answered prayers He did to us. And we would like to say our gratefulness to you and to your church for the unceasing prayers and financial support you sent to us that had been a great help to our daily needs. Thank you as well for praying for the health and safety of my family here



in Ho Chi Minh City that inspite of difficulties, problems and hardships; God gave us the grace and strength to continue to run the race in reaching people for Jesus.

Last June 19, 2016 was our "Father's Sunday" and our house church was full packed of people along with our 15 visitors from Shalom Baptist Church in Singapore when they had their Mission Trip in VN. In the total attendance of 68 including the children; There were 5 who accepted Jesus; most of the young people made

their decisions to love and respect their parents and we had a first time visitor who was a medical



doctor. We really had a great time during the service and our people enjoyed and listened attentively when suddenly we heard the loud bang from our door. My wife peeped on the peephole and it was the authority from the government that checking up in our apartment buildings. Everybody was freeze and very quiet, I paused our program and I asked my wife not to opened the door but we let our Vietnamese church worker talked to him outside from our door and she explained to him that we are just having a birthday party and we're about to finish soon. And our church worker told me that he

questioned us if what are we doing inside our apartment and why too many people came to our apartment because he saw too many shoes and sandals outside the door; and that anytime the police will check and interrogate us if we will continue doing it. It was a devastating news but we knew that God will protect us and will be with us in this difficult situation. It was really a blessing and very challenging to serve God in this Restricted Access Nation but we are rest assured that His hands protect and preserve His own.



It was a big blessing to our Vietnamese young people when we joined the 5th Independent Baptist Youth Camp last July 8 & 9, 2016 here in Ho Chi Minh City. Our theme this year was, "Not Conformed but Transformed" in the book of Romans 12:2. With the total of 220 campers from different Baptist Churches who are also doing a house church like us; it was a big privilege that every young people could enjoy their life being a youth, meeting friends from other churches, and most of all to be challenged by the Word of God. We have 11 campers from our church and 8 of them are first timers; we are so glad that their parents allowed them to join in a Christian camp and entrusted their children to me and to my wife. It was an answered prayer that 3 of our campers (Nguyen, Nina and Trang) accepted the Lord Jesus in their hearts, 2 of our church workers (Mi Chen and MiA) recommitted their lives to become a full time missionaries and more to be a soul winner, and also my 2 daughters (Kezia Pauline and Elika) made their commitments to obey whatever God's leading in their lives. These are our joy in the ministry...to see our people's dedication and passion in doing God's work and to see even just a single soul that will believe and receive the LORD Jesus in his/her heart. May you will continue to uphold us in your daily prayers.

We are asking your intense prayer for the success of our work permit and next to be process is our (TRC Temporary residence certificate) we thanked the Lord that one of the parents of our students propose a help for us as he understood our difficult situation the struggle of having no permanent and stable Visa in this country , he sponsored me to have a working permit under the name of his company , after my working permit my family can have a Temporary residence certificate, this month is going to be release with payment. As you know brethren that we always struggled and I always asked your prayers and help sometimes, every 3 months for our Visa only and its very costly. Me myself, to tell you honestly was truly embarrassed and felt tired to mention this to you because we always mention this in our prayer letters, but if we have the work permit we then automatically can apply the TRC (temporary residence certificate), with my family for every 2 years now, not every 3 months anymore, it will ease the our struggles. Please pray for us on this matter. Thank you always for being a great blessing to us and an encouragement. We remembered you all in our prayers. We love you in the Lord and God bless you all always.

Yours for the Souls in VN,

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