

We've just finished almost a whole month of travelling - visiting many of our churches, covering a lot of miles, catching up with hundreds and hundreds of our brothers and sisters and all during one of the rainiest months we've had in a long time.



Our trip started off at our church conference in Lapoc. It was a wonderful time and we had 189 baptisms during this conference and discovered that the number of believers have grown so much just in the Lapoc region that we've outgrown the biggest church building we have in our entire work. The Lapoc church building used to be big enough for combined-Region conferences for the entire work, but now it can barely contain just believers from the Lapoc region!

There were baptisms also held last month in the Man-ai and Baungon regions, and it is an overwhelming joy to see so many new members of Jesus' family showing forth their faith in believer's baptism.



One of our next stops was Tumpagon, which we did along with dear friends visiting from Australia - Trevor Jenkyn, his brother Peter and Trevor's grandson Will. While in Tumpagon, seven elders were ordained into leadership who had already been serving in a leadership capacity for some years.

In Cauyunan we had a very nostalgic evening, echoing many previous evenings with impromptu get togethers to share a meal, worship, pray and sing together. It was one of those times you wished would never end – the fellowship was so sweet, so deep and so precious.

We also celebrated a HUGE milestone: the completion of the Digital Higaonon New Testament!! So now our team here has two completed translations, finished by God's grace and through the amazing team He has given us!



Ordaining Seven New Elders



The Thanksgiving Service for the completion of the Digital Higaonon New Testament was held on January 8, 2023 in the church at Tumpagon. This is Ryan Duwang (left) who headed this project up, along with Jumar Mahognay (right). Not in the picture but part of the translation team is Allan Matuod, ourselves and the team in Lapoc who also had input.



My beautiful and happy sisters in Christ, as we rejoiced at the Thanksgiving Service. Sarah Duwang (wearing green) next to me, is Ryan's wife, and we praise God for her endurance through the long hours and years of the Higaonon Translation Project and for being part of the team.

So our weeks of trekking came to an end and we're now back in the office!

The year+ of immersion in and teaching of the book of Revelation to the churches is finished, to the PRAISE and GLORY of our Amazing Lord Jesus!!!

Today we began preparations to finish the He Wants You online evangelism material and we wait on the Lord with excitement for His direction in this next part of our journey.

LOTS of LOVE,
Paul and Deb