

Dear Bro. Mike,

Greetings in Christ Most Precious Name!

I pray and hope that you are all okay and in good health as you read this e-mail. God is good all the time. No matter what happens the Lord will not forsake us. He is in control of everything.

Before ECQ Covid-19 (corona virus) pandemic, On Valentines, we conducted a Couples Nights for Padaba parents with a theme "Sana All Love" (Hope All Love); the purpose is we are thinking a mass wedding for those couple who are not yet married. The said activity is participated by 40+ couples. There is a short program which was fun and exciting for the couples with free food for dinner. It was fun; some couple said that that was the first time they celebrated the hearts day with their partner. I already distributed the free books and materials from ICLD to the pastors. Again, I thank ICLD for this opportunity to be a part of their ministry. Thank you Bro. John Stacknik, we are continuously praying for your ministry. God bless! There are still books left; some of the listed pastors did not get the books before the ECQ.

It is really sad that the EBI Graduation 2020 was postponed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. All EBI students went home to their families. We are happy to say that Sorsogon have 0 covid-19 case but there are covid-19 cases in the neighboring province of Albay and Camarines Sur. The Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) is still on effect and there are many restrictions. There are many checkpoints and you need ECQ travel pass to travel. The government extends the ECQ in the Philippines until the end of April 2020. (As of May 1 will be going to GCQ-General Community Quarantine)

We distributed relief goods from Padaba to help all the Padaba families. We also did relief goods using milk feeding funds for church members not included in Padaba. Thank God that even in crisis we can still be a blessing to others.

These pandemic can be also a blessing in disguise. My family is much closer than before. We did a family devotion every day, family united in prayer and worship. Praying protection and good health for all of family, relatives, pastors, friends, PAMI board and supporters; "Today our home can be created as altars of God! It is the way to dwell in the secret place of the Most High and abide under His shadow" Psa. 91:1

We use our time reading, always cleaning the EBI compound; we also make a garden and plant different kinds of vegetables. My family gather for Sunday worship, we also commemorate the 7 last words of Jesus at the cross and celebration of His Resurrection. Indeed it is so amazing that we can worship God even in our home.

By the way Bro. Mike, I use the small laptop for my own reporting and e-mails. The big one and projector will be given to a PAMI Church that still doesn't have a laptop and projector. The books will be added in the EBI Library.

We will have a second batch of relief goods distribution this week to all Padaba families.

In this crisis, let's build our hearts and minds to be productive even though we are in quarantine time. Let us be united in prayers. Even in these difficult times, God is Good! God is Great! God is Powerful! God Provides! God will shield and protect His children from this virus. God bless our ministry. Stay in God's presence and don't be discouraged. God hears all our prayers.

All for the Glory of God!

In Christ,

Sis Ofel Mendizabal

For Valentines' Day, EBI held a Couples Night out for parents of Compassion sponsored kids (which they call Padaba, which means well loved and cared for). Since a lot of these couples have never officially been married, this might lead to a mass wedding ceremony later in the year.





Christian books sent by International Christian Literature Distributors to EBI were distributed to various pastors.





Getting ready to distribute relief goods supplied by Compassion









Toothbrushes, toothpastes, soap, clothing, etc. that were sent via balikbayan boxes were distributed with rice as COVID relief kits via various pastors of PAMI. Below are pictures of Ptr Redgie Bonifacio doing distribution in Castilla, and Ptr Michael Hista in Matnog.







This is the new classroom built in place of the cottage that collapsed in the typhoon



The local PAMI board meeting at EBI, making plans for new modular classes to be offered Friday afternoons in four churches, with teachers rotating monthly



Gardening at EBI





Mendizabal family worshipping and praying together during this time of COVID-19 quarantine:

