

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. John 14:12.

# **Agora Foursquare Church Launch**

Finally, after two years of hard work by Arnel and Michelle in the Agora area of Navotas, Greater Things Ministries helped launch a Sunday service on March 3rd. Though Agora Foursquare Church (AFC) has not yet been officially recognized by the denomination, they already meet the requirements and just need to complete the process. We expect fast growth and, with God's provision, are

believing for full capacity by year-end, which is about 70 people. While the progress we have made is truly amazing, AFC has several challenges, including training a self-sufficient worship team and raising the funds to continue supporting them.

Even before opening as a church, Agora Foursquare Church hosted an Operation Christmas Child (OCC) event in February (right after signing the lease) with huge success. Many children and parents participated in the event, and AFC has started a Vacation Bible School to teach the children more about Jesus. The curriculum provided by OCC is highly successful and well received by the children.

While it is sad that AFC's members will separate from Celebration Foursquare Church, CFC has at times been at full capacity and does not have a lot of room for



growth. Though CFC may have a smaller attendance for a short time, this is an incredible opportunity to get out and win the lost and fill the church back up again.



As indicated by this well attended prayer meeting in late February, Agora Foursquare Church's team is passionate to see Jesus move in their community.

## God's Divine Provision



Near the end of December, after all the expenses of Christmas had exhausted their monthly budget, Chris and Melda were completely out of money: no money in the bank, their wallets, and even the piggy bank had only pennies. Later that day, Melda would need money to buy medication for her mother.

As Chris put his empty organizer wallet back in the drawer, he saw something blue. Blue is the color of the largest denomination of cash in the Philippines, 1,000 pesos (around \$20 in value). Indeed a 1,000 peso bill sat in his drawer. Chris calculated and recalculated to see if he had erred in his budget and that maybe he had left the bill there accidentally, but he could not figure out how it got there. He thanked God for the provision and used the money to buy what they needed.

That week God impressed on Chris to issue a 90-day tithes challenge, assuring church members that God will always provide for those who give their tithes. He prayed about what to use as a testimony, forgetting about the money in his drawer. A couple of days later, still waiting for the next paycheck, he opened his drawer, and something blue once again caught his eye. "No way!" he exclaimed. Yes, it had happened again: another 1,000 peso bill appeared in his locked drawer. No one could have put cash in that drawer except for God. That very Sunday, Chris gave the 90-day challenge with full confidence and an amazing testimony that God provides for all our needs, even miraculously creating peso bills!

# **GTM Church Planting Support Needs**

GTM church planting efforts are highly needed in the densely populated, poorer area of Metro Manilla where Chris and Melda live. The local Foursquare churches have the desire to expand into new areas, but they often lack the funds to start new churches. God provided what we needed to launch AFC, and we are trusting him for the provision to support this new church as it expands the Kingdom of God in Agora. We have a fundraising goal of \$12,000 and are praying for \$6,000 in one-time donations and \$500.00 per month in recurring donations. Funds will be used to cover the costs of AFC until it is self-sufficient and to prepare for our next church plant. Our goal is to have a new church plant every two years. Thank you in advance to all who pray and give toward this need!



### Thank You Loving Hearts Sewing Group

The Loving Hearts Sewing Group will be meeting in April and May and then taking a summer break. The LHSG has been diligently sewing 30 baby bags full of provisions for the Springfield Parent Child Center and 15 baby blankets for the Dayspring Pregnancy Center.

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Baptisms: 0 Healings: 0

Children reached: 13

#### **Year to Date 2024**

Salvations: 21

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Children Reached: 13

#### **Overall 2019-Present**

Salvations: 620

Baptisms: 92

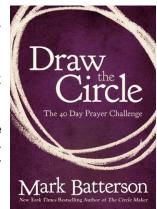
Healings: 20

Children Reached: 329

pines, who prayed so diligently!

## 40 Day Prayer Challenge Results

On Jan 1st, members from both Life on Main Foursquare, Charlestown, NH, and Celebration Foursquare Church, Navotas PH embarked on a 40-day prayer journey. God answered one of the biggest needs in the Philippines in a mighty way: the provision of a facility for Agora Foursquare Church (AFC). Many prayed for a move-in-ready building, while Chris prayed that the owner would be a Christian and would be compelled to reduce the rent. Others prayed for it to be big enough for a separate children's church area and contain a parsonage. God did not only answer one or two prayers, he answered all of them! Though we are still praying for a larger facility long-term, God has provided the perfect place to begin reaching the community of Agora with the hope of Jesus.



Prayer participants from both sides of the world also prayed that more church members of CFC would commit to the discipleship process and progress into leadership. Chris sees growth in several individuals, and we are praying long-term that we can develop more church-planting teams.

Finally, we prayed that 10 more people would be baptized and become active in the church. As of now, 10 are scheduled for the next baptism! God bless all of you, both in the US and in the Philip-

## Prayer Needed!!

Last year, Celebration Foursquare Church Navotas had its Facebook page taken down for "misrepresentation." Humans did not discontinue the page, rather an algorithm reacted to what we suspect was people falsely reporting our page. CFC requested a human review, which Facebook indicated would take place within 45 days, but it was never done. After several months, CFC created a new page. This year, Facebook discontinued the page for Agora Foursquare Church with the same explanation. They still have not had a human review it, and we really need a miracle it seems for them to do something.



Facebook is basically the internet in the Philippines. Companies and organizations generally do not have websites and do not communicate with phone numbers and email addresses. Instead, they have Facebook pages and communicate with their customers or members through Facebook Messenger. By falsely reporting a church or organization and removing their FB page, a person can inflict maximum harm to an entity's ability to engage online with the community. As of today, AFC still remains on Google Maps, but that is it. Please pray that Facebook would restore the page for AFC, and that the malicious actor(s) who are intent on harming them are removed from the equation.

# <u>Furniture Store Donations Welcome/Purchases Appreciated.</u> 100% of the proceeds benefit GTM

We will pick up furniture donations locally, but will not be taking large sofas, hide-a-beds, or mattresses (space limited). For a list of furniture, use this link to Laurie's Facebook Marketplace: https://www.facebook.com/ marketplace/profile/1057213187/?ref=share attachment

Charlestown Backpack Program: Volunteers needed to pack from 3:15-4:15 PM every Thursday at the Town Hall in Charlestown, NH. Please contact Laureen if you are interested in helping.





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