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Dear Pastor, church and friends,

When I look back on the activities of the second quarter, I am amazed at the blessings and victories that God gives.

Usually we have our anniversary in March, but this year we moved our 24th anniversary to April 10 so we could finish the tiling on the 2nd and 3rd floors. We celebrated with 632 in attendance and 27 first time visitors and 19 professions of faith.

The next Sunday, April 17, we had our annual Midyear Missions Booster. We had a total of 17 missionary families with us for that special service. But the highlight of the service was the commissioning and sending of the Kokie Estamo family to start a new mission work in a large housing development called Lancaster. Bro Kokie was our staff leader for Outreach and Evangelism for 12 years. Many souls have been saved, baptized, discipled and added to the main church. With the zeal of soul winning and Bible preaching of Bro Kokie the mission is already growing.

In May we experienced another blessing of a local church. After launching our mission in Springtown three years ago, we organized the mission into a local Baptist Church on May 15 with 36 charter members. Springtown is a large subdivision of over 30,000 people. There is much work to be done. Nearby there is an area that is called Neverland. This is where the mission started. All the squatters in Neverland were relocated before the 2020 lockdowns. This is what moved us into the Springtown location, but now new squatter families have returned. We now have another Extension Class of over 70+ kids and 20 ladies in a weekly Bible study in the Neverland area.

Also in May, we watched 8 of our Bible students graduate from Bethany Baptist Bible College. While in school these young adults were on church staff working hard during the Pandemic. They continue to prepare themselves for local and foreign church planting.



June 12 was the first anniversary of the mission that was started last year in the Negros province. Their one year celebration saw 49 in attendance and 13 professions of faith.

Church planting and, missions and leadership training has been our heart for the past 47 years. We trust the Lord to do so till He comes. Ellen and I want to express our thanks for your partnership through the years. To God be the glory for the 135 souls saved, 13 baptized, 101 first time visitors and 4 families were transfer in during the 2nd quarter.

Yours for souls,

Paul and Ellen Byars