

QUIMBOY QUIPS

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*"If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**"*

Joshua 24:15



How time flies. We are now on the last quarter of the year, and it has been a great year for the Quimboy household. We had our episodes of downers of course, but we are always reminded of the glory that awaits us which is way better in comparison to the hardships that we have here on earth. And like a balm that soothes our pain, that wonderful truth is comforting.

Allow us then to share with you how God has manifested Himself mightily in our lives as individuals, as a family and as servants of our Almighty God. We pray that as you read on, God would get the utmost praise.

Thankful for all of your love, prayers and support in this side of the Lord's Vineyard.

TWO BIRTHDAYS, A VISIT AND A FUNERAL.

I (Erwin) turned 40 last September 8. It fell on a Sunday so I celebrated it preaching at our daughter church's anniversary. It was a wonderful celebration of God's faithfulness to this church and to me and my family as well. I preached on Colossians 1:28-29:

"²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."

I praise God for the opportunity to proclaim Him on my birthday. Was even treated with a cake during our luncheon fellowship right after worship. Praising God for the church's thoughtfulness.



The next day, September 9, our daughter Yana celebrated her 6th birthday. She was so excited to celebrate it with her friends at school. The kids enjoyed the cupcakes during their snack time. After school, we had a swim party with some friends and relatives. It's a joy seeing how happy Yana was on her birthday.



*" So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom."*

Psalm 90:12



Rita's sister and nephew who are now based in London came to spend a month with all of us. It was a wonderful time of catching up. "Ate Winnie" enjoyed all her nieces and spent time with them as it would be perhaps another year before they come back.

Kim (Rita's nephew) spent some time with us while here. He has lots of questions about the Christian faith. I was so happy that I was able to answer his questions and have encouraged him to stand firm in his

faith especially with all the abundance that he is surrounded with in London. I praise God for his generosity. He sponsored our Sunday Schooler's snacks for a month. He said he wants to be involved in missions someday. I am praying that indeed he will be in God's time.



Rita's dad was promoted to glory last September 15. He suffered from slip disc a few years back and has been confined to his chair ever since. His health slowly deteriorated and in God's perfect time he went with the Lord peacefully. He was the one who got saved first in their family and have since encouraged and led his whole family to the Lifegiver. I preached at his funeral and Rita

gave a sweet eulogy glorifying God for how He has been faithful to "Tatay" throughout his life. We will surely miss him but are comforted that we'll see him again in God's time.

*"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and
naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and
the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name
of the LORD."*

Job 1:21

MINISTRY LIFE & FAMILY MATTERS



Preaching at the funeral service.

Rita just came back from the annual Faith Employee's Retreat. The stress that went along with travelling from our place to her folks' to be with her sister and nephew, her father's wake and funeral and Yana and I being sick for two and a half weeks in the course of it all, made it perfect for her to have a getaway and be refreshed. And I am glad that she was blessed with it. She is now raring to go to minister to the younger people and some of the women at church. She also is getting ready to spend more time and minister to her mother who now misses her dad so much.

As mentioned above, Yana and I got sick right after our birthdays. The weather had been inclement and has caused both Yana and me to be down with the flu. Just recently I had a scary vertigo attack too. But we praise God for sustaining us and we are all getting better.



Giving eulogy at the funeral service

We will be scheduling our workshop for leaders in our church as well as our daughter church. The aim of this workshop is for us to look at leadership and shepherding in the lens of Scripture. We will also be doing a workshop on worship for our worship teams as it is defined in the Bible.

Studies at church are ongoing. We are now on Numbers 27 in our Old Testament study (Tuesday nights), Doctrine of Sin on our Bible Doctrine Class (Friday nights) and Romans 9 in our pulpit.

Also in the works is my involvement with the Faith Academy Employees' Bible Study to start in a couple of days.



Yana and Ate Nancy

We at The Expositor's Academy are just finishing up our last of the 10-module course and are looking forward to our 2nd graduation in December. We are now getting ready for enrolment for our next batch of students for next year.

Nancy, my niece has been with us for four years now helping us out in the house and with Yana. She has been a blessing. And Yana loves her dearly. We are so proud of her since she's finishing her high school education under the Department of Education's ALS (Alternative Learning System) program and just recently she was offered a scholarship to get a computer course so she can be the computer teacher for the next batch of ALS students! We pray that she would continue to use her gifts and abilities to glorify the Lord and keep Him first place in all she does.

PRAISE AND PRAYER ITEMS

- Praising God for another year for our daughter and me. Being 40 isn't so bad ☺ and I'm sure so is being 6.
- Thankful for God's healing. We are all getting better. Continue praying for our health.
- Praising God for a peaceful passing for Rita's father and for the chance to share the gospel in the funeral service to their relatives who are mostly not believers yet.
- Kindly pray for Rita as she ministers to her mom.
- Strength and patience with the hectic schedule that we have at church.
- 8 years ago God has blessed us with a ministry vehicle through the generosity of a dear friend and we are so blessed. But our 18 year old car is now in need of major repairs or probable a replacement already. Please pray with us for this.
- Last March I was blessed to have attended The Shepherd's Conference. It really helped me a lot in the ministry. Please be one with us as we pray for the chance to go back next year (March 2014) and possibly visit some churches and potential ministry partners.
- Uphold us dear friends, that our family would just glorify God in every aspect of our lives. Kindly hold us accountable in our desire to be deliberate and intentional in sharing the gospel to everyone God sends our way. Feel free to check on us specially me about this. Having been in the ministry for more than a decade can at times make you complacent specially when you are away from church, teaching, when you are away from the "ministry." Our whole life is ministry, even when we eat, rest or play. Please pray that I would be a better ambassador for Christ.

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YANA, is a Kindergarten student at Faith Academy and loves art and music.



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