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A Missionary in His service 'til He comes

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings to you from the other side of the world for most of you. I have been here in the Philippines since May 1st of this year. Since my arrival, a lot of good things have taken place in my life, such as, the Pastors and Workers camp on May 13th. It took about that long to get over jet lag. From there I packed up all my belonging and moved up to Banaue by plane and then 4 hours more by a van. I took along with me RJ, a 19 year old Filipino graduate from our Bible Institute at LaLoma Baptist Church in Manila, to assist me when I needed him. We checked into a 2 star hotel, the owners gave us a discount price of \$5.00 a day. I had a private CR, comfort room, bathroom and a double bed, using my air mattress. We ate most of our meals there in their restraint, which cost us around \$6.00 per meal. We had a beautiful view looking out over the beautiful rice terraces which is the seventh wonder of the world. God is good all the time, isn't He?

Besides going door to door soul winning, several great doors opened to JR and myself. #1. I was invited to hold 8 meeting with two churches, teaching the pastors and their people how to lead people to Christ. The results were encouraging. #2. We were invited to hold a medical missions day in a location one hour away from Banaue, back into the mountains where there was not medical help for the people. Over 150 people came to this event and around 125 received Christ as their Lord and Savior. A medical team from LaLoma BC came with doctors, nurses, dentists and many souldwinners to this one day event. They drove all night getting there and drove all night returning to Manila. #3. RJ was invited to present the Wordless Book story to all the kids from grade one through grade six. We were there over 3 weeks. God really blessed with giving us nearly 300 souls for Christ. You can view many pictures on my FaceBook page. Just type in Melvyn Brown. Enjoy!

From Banaue, I left RJ, to return to Manila, and traveled by van about 4 or 5 hours to Ilagan City where Pastor and Mrs. Jose Cabajar planted our third church in the 80s. I preached Wednesday night and all day Sunday, a total of 4 services. What a treatment that was for me! They treated me like a king there. Pastor Cabajar took me way back into the mountains where I had never been to visit several churches his graduates had planted. I notice we were escorted by policemen for my safety. There are still hot spots here and there. I also had the armor of God on so I was well protected. **Prov. 21:31 "...safety is of the Lord."** I was at one place where there were four generations of Pastors. My children, grand children and great grand children in the faith. That was a tearful gathering. Hundreds of photos are on my FaceBook. Type in Melvyn Brown.

From Ilagan City I flew back to Manila and proceed to the Hebron Baptist Church where Pastor Estipona is the Pastor. I have a nice apartment on the fourth floor, all steps, is where I get my daily exercise. The staff make my meals for me, wash my clothes etc., etc.. Again, I am treated like a king. I will be pastoring here until I return home on November 5th. I have accepted many speaking invitations. God is good.

You keep asking me why I keep on doing this at my age of 84. Read on.

I love what I am doing; preaching, teaching and winning the lost to Jesus Christ. This has been my purpose and passion in my life since 1966 and I plan to continue in fulfilling my purpose until Jesus takes me home to be with Him forever.

Yesterday was my 84th birthday. I received hundreds of text messages from all over the world. Frankly, they were very moving on my emotions.

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8060 Cavern Road Trussville, AL 35173 205-206-6015 bama4u@bellsouth.net Here is one from Rizal (Riz) Carreon Esguerra: "To the wonderful man of God who was used by the Almighty as an instrument for my salvation 38 years ago, you will always be my second dad and forever friend! May God bless you and your ministry always!!! Happy birthday Pastor Melvyn Brown." He continues: "I was a freshman student from FEU and through a Christian classmate who invite me to LaLoma Baptist Church, I came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior when a powerful message about heaven and hell was delivered by then, a middle aged man, Pastor Melvyn Brown. I was 17 then. My life was changed and I started walking with the Lord. I met my new spiritual family, headed by Pastor Brown and his very loving wife, our second mother, Mrs. Carol Brown.

The spiritual foundation that they built in us was really great! I was given a chance to study in their Bible Institute together with my sister Marilyn.

I raised three God fearing children, now all college graduates, under the admonition of our Lord Jesus Christ. Presently, I am a college professor and the adviser of our two campus organizations, STUDENTS OF CHRIST and YOUTH FOR CHRIST. God is using these organizations to spread His words to all our students. To God be the Glory!!!"

Of course, text like this are an encouragement to me and shows me that my labor has not been in vain. I do not do this work in the ministry for the praise of men but for the glory of God who enables me to continue on until He takes me home to be with Him one day.

2 Cor. 5:14 "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."

This report could not have happened without your faithful prayers and financial support. We are labors together in this work of God. I appreciate your faithful prayers and financial support. Thank you.

