

## Mission Snapshot



This month we focus on one of the largest mission outreaches that Family Missions Company has ever coordinated in the United States - we invite you to join us in closing this amazing Year of Faith at our Proclaim Conference on World Mission Sunday weekend, October 18th, 19th, and 20th 2013. Bring your parishes, faith communities, family and friends to the Lafayette, LA Holiday Inn Convention Center for this life-changing event!

**Now** is the time for Catholics to be infused with new life for our families, ministries, apostolates, and church parishes. The Church is calling all Catholics to be stirred up to live, share, and preach the Gospel! Pope Francis exhorts us to heed the mandate to preach Jesus, saying, "If we do not proclaim Jesus Christ, something is wrong." With this proclamation we reach the poor, and give bold witness to the beauty of our Catholic Heritage.

PROCLAIM will inspire you with dynamic speakers, beautiful liturgies, practical break out sessions, awesome worship, and refreshing fellowship. Come and be affirmed, revived and empowered to be a disciple on mission.

Register today at [www.proclaim2013.com](http://www.proclaim2013.com)!

**"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel"**

**Mark 16:15**

Compelled by Jesus' missionary mandate, and filled with the Holy Spirit, Family Missions Company missionaries proclaim Jesus Christ and His Gospel to the poor. Always working in concert with the pastors of the Catholic Church, we strive to live the Gospel that we preach. We believe the Lord is calling many Catholic lay people, both singles and families, to serve in foreign missions, "the greatest and holiest duty of the Church" (Vatican II).

**The need is urgent;**

**we must GO!**



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Dearest Benefactors,  
As summer winds down, we are reminded of the importance of work: children return to school, church programs get into full swing, and our missionaries continue to boldly proclaim the Gospel. We rejoice as we watch the power of the Word of God - converts enter the Church, the poor and sick are called to witness, our stateside missionaries prepare to share with hundreds at our first annual PROCLAIM Catholic Missions Conference. You make all of this possible through your prayers and generous support. Thank you!

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## Repent and be Baptized! The Romero Family Reports from the Philippines



*“Peter said to them, **“Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”***

*Acts 2:38*

Praise God! Saturday night seven of our adult friends from Isla Bonita made their first sacramental confession and were baptized into the Church! They arrived at the church at 4 p.m. looking excited and nervous. As they waited in line by the confessional, some of them looked over the Examination of Conscience we had given them a few days before. Some had even made lists of all their sins. We had encouraged them to be thorough! When Father Suarez arrived, the nervous excitement grew. He greeted everyone warmly and reminded them that it was Jesus who they were really coming clean with and not to be afraid. One by one, our friends entered the confessional. I waited outside the door with Kring and Ramon.

We couldn't wait to see our friends come out *forgiven! Washed clean! Changed! Saints!* And that's exactly what we saw. When they exited the confessional, the difference was visible. Tangible. Some were crying, but all were

smiling. They looked lighter. They looked free! One of them, Silverio, 71 years old, was glowing after being cleansed. As I watched them kneel and thank Jesus for forgiving them, my heart could feel that forgiveness rush through the church over all of us. It overwhelmed me and brought tears to my eyes. Thank you Lord!

Later, we all gathered in the small sacristy for the Rite of Baptism. So much grace!!

The next day, September 8, was the *barangay*, or town district, fiesta. Many of these same friends (and plenty of other friends, too) presented their children for baptism after a special Fiesta Mass. In all, 27 new Catholics entered the Church in 2 days! We had a party Sunday afternoon to celebrate fiesta and to honor all the newly baptized.



### Choosing Christ for Their Children

Of all the various ministries we are a part of in mission, nothing is more rewarding, worthwhile, or fruitful than this. Floors, houses, medicine, etc., while necessary and important, pale in comparison to the power of Sacramental Grace transforming hearts and lives! We can't wait to see God continue to work in our beloved Isla Bonita!



## Miracle Report

This is a report from Adela, a sister in Jesus in General Cepeda, Mexico who you can and do pray for and donate for: “My name is Adela Nyeto Rodríguez. I live with my husband, son, and two daughters. The missionaries put a roof over my family. They changed out these walls, two walls to be exact. This wall was very damaged and about to cave in. The whole room was caving in. We didn't have any way to fix it ourselves. No money. My health is bad. We don't have many things you know. **And so we had been praying for this and God sent the missionaries to help us.** When I go to prayer meetings, I feel so much at peace. My life starts to make sense and I give Jesus my problems there. When I get prayed over, I also feel peace. I experience Him when I hear His Word read out loud. Or for example when the missionaries come here, I can tell that He is here as well. I would like to invite anyone who reads this to come to a prayer meeting, to sing songs with us. If you are not close to Jesus I would like to help them be closer to Him and trust in Him. In fact I invite people all the time to come, but they don't always come, but I know they need Jesus. I share my testimony now. We know God accepts the little we do and does so much more with it.”

## Mission Message

*To evangelize, we must be open to the action of the Spirit of God, without fear of what He asks us or where He leads us. Let us entrust ourselves to Him!*

- Pope Francis