

TRAINING FILIPINO NATIONALS PLANTING CHURCHES PREACHING CHRIST



Pastor Jao Mapa

METRO MANILA

"The Lord is good to all: and His tender mercies are over all His works." Psalm 145:9 These words came to my mind as my friend Melvin (Jao) Mapa shared with me that a woman in one of our Bible studies, a friend, had accepted Christ as her Savior! Through the many challenges and disruptions the past year has brought, the Lord has indeed showered His mercies upon FOM. Thank you for being a part of it! We pray you have also felt His mercy!



Pastor Jao Mapa is a 2020 graduate of G.S.S.T. Because of the pandemic they were unable to have a formal graduation or a normal end to the school year, but Jao and his wife Joy, a 2018 graduate, returned to his home in Parañaque and to Pastor Paul Montano at the Vine's Church, Jao's home church. It has been their dream for many years to return home to Manila and plant a church.

The need is immense and the opportunities are so great. In any given week Pastor Jao may minister to 150 souls. These numbers are a result of the pandemic and the restrictions and ordinances placed upon them. Pre-covid, the number of people Jao would likely have ministered to would have been triple that. That is not being highlighted because we believe numbers are important in and of themselves, but to show how many people there are who need to hear the Gospel.

The location where Jao plans to plant his church is far from Moonwalk, his home, and eventually he and his family will have to move. He currently has 8 different Bible studies, each averaging an attendance of 15 people. He plans to gather them all for a combined service at the end of April. It is so exciting to see the Lord bringing this new church body to life!

Perhaps though, the Bible study nearest his heart is the one held in his own home. Please pray that his family would come to know the love and salvation of Jesus for themselves.

Visit faithoverseasmission.org during the month of March to learn more about Pastor Jao, his family and how to pray for them!



"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

Romans 10:14

Meanwhile, in Pangasinan, Pastor Irving, Ann Jory Clauna and a group from FBC, Binloc were able to spend their Saturday attending a Sunday School training seminar. Anjo reports that it was a blessing to be with other believers and teachers, learning from each other and encouraging one another as they seek to serve the Lord and share Him in their communities! Praise the Lord that these events are allowed to be held!



Thank you for your continued prayer and support for Faith Overseas Mission and our ministry workers. We pray for you, that the Lord would continue to bless and protect each of you and lead you into a deeper love and knowledge of Him. It is a blessing and a privilege to have even a small role in the work He is doing and we praise Him for His graciousness and goodness in the ministry of FOM. Thank you for being partners with us!
God bless and in Him,

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