

"The entrance of Thy words giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)



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> Galatians 5:1; Romans 6:22

"Standfast...being made free from sin, and become servants to God..."

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GOD PROVIDES LIGHTHOUSE BBC WITH FACILITY FOR NEW MINISTRY CENTER IN STO TOMAS, BATANGAS

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ...to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved...that we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ" (Eph 1:3,6a,12).

n a time when the preachings from the Lighthouse BBC pulpit focus on how blessed we are as God's people "with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places," the Lord even more proves His Word to be true even in the most practical and literal sense.

The years of Pastor Reuben's association and partnership with some Christian businessmen in organizations as Friendship Builders Foundation, God is Able Foundation and GCTV has resulted to further enlargement of the ministry reach of Lighthouse BBC as a lease contract between ServeQuest Industrial Park in Sto Tomas, Batangas and the Bishop of Lighthouse BBC is forged for the use of a 1264 sqm property for 22 years. The property was dedicated yesterday in a visit by Pastor Reuben along with some Lighthouse BBC leaders. The property will house various Lighthouse ministries and will also feature partnership with Metropolitan BBE.



 Pastor Reuben along with TGLFI President Dr Enrico Torres, LA Principal Thei Morales, members of the Lighthouse Academy Board and Faculty pose for a picture with graduates of SY 2022-2023.

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STANDING

Second Quarter Focus: "Standing fast... Holding fast the confidence steadfast unto the end."

"...hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm...steadfast unto the end" (Heb 3:6,14).

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

TITLE : MOVING FORWARD - WHAT WE SHOULD DO AS EKKLESIA Texts :

Rev 1:9-11, "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea."

INTRODUCTION

The letter of the Lord Jesus to the 7 churches in Asia Minor written by the Apostle John are good instructions for us, even today, as we move forward to years ahead after seeing the faithfulness and truthfulness of God and His Word to the Lighthouse BBC.

We take that these instructions are also for us to hold fast to even in our day... (continued)

F) To the church in Laodicea: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent" (Rev 3:19).

- Be zealous.

Titus 2:13-15, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."

Heb 12:5-14, "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

Gal 4:18, "...it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you."

Rom 12:11, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

2 Tim 4:2-5, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine..."



Top left photo, Pastor Reuben presents before the church the ServeQuest-BLBBC 22-year Lease Contract for the 1,264 sqm property in ServeQuest Industrial Park, Sto Tomas, Batangas last Thursday. Right and bottom photos, the group took a picture at the property yesterday. Pastor Reuben prayed and met with the ServeQuest engineers for the clearing of the property.

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