



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

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**Increasing More and More in 2024**

**1 Thess 4:10b,**  
"...we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more."

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## LIGHTHOUSE BBC TO HOST NATIONWIDE "PANAWAGAN SA PANALANGIN PARA SA BANSANG PILIPINAS, PAMAHALAAN, MAMAMAYAN"

*"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*

*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:1-4).*

For the first time in the history of Biblical Baptists in the country, a Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church will be hosting a nationwide Coming Together that specifically heralds a nationwide call for what the Bible says should be done "first of all" - that of supplication, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for all men, for the president and all that are in authority.

Most Filipinos are aware of the political issues that have beset the country from the beginning of the year which started from verbal attacks that involved both the current and former presidents of the country, the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives. Issues involved questions about charter change, People's Initiative, among others. Sadly, the verbal attacks have become personal and the political situation has become very concerning.

Before things get out of hand, some leaders came together to discuss what may be done to appease the officials involved, and help our government and people move forward peacefully.

In a series of meetings with some concerned political and religious leaders, a nationwide call to prayer was suggested and a request was made for Pastor Reuben to extend a hand of leadership with Lighthouse BBC being the host. Pastor responded positively and at 4pm today, Feb 25, the Coming Together will turn into a nationwide event titled Panawagan sa Panalangin Para sa Bansang Pilipinas, Pamahalaan, Mamamayan.

We expect a full house this afternoon as groups from different sectors of society join the historical event. The program will be broadcasted live over GCTV and in all Lighthouse media platforms. Praise God for how as a church, we can contribute to the spiritual welfare of the country. - PRA



The Mga Munting Ilaw (MMI) hosts, kids pose for a group picture to close the first ever on the road show since the pandemic. The show was held at Pasig Christian Academy and was aired live on GCTV Ch185 (Signal TV). The MMI production crew with Lighthouse BBC Pasig ministered to more than 160 community kids.

FIRST QUARTER FOCUS

**INCREASING MORE & MORE IN LOVE THAT EDIFIES**

**1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-10**  
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INCREASING MORE & MORE IN 2024

First Quarter Focus:

*"Increasing More and More in Love that Edifies"*

**"...ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another...increase more and more..." (1 Thess 4:9-10).**

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

**TITLE : THE WORK AND LABOR OF LOVE THAT EDIFIES**

Text/s :

Heb 6:10, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

Rom 12:9-21

9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

The working of the ministry is essentially the working out or the very operation of the love of Christ in the lives of the members of the Ekklesia. It is the love of Christ that constrains or takes hold of us. Whatever work we do stems from the love of Christ in us. That love therefore should be without dissimulation (without hypocrisy, with all sincerity, genuine, not for a show).

**1) The operation of the love of Christ.**

Genuine. Sincere. Not a show. "Let love be without dissimulation"

2 Cor 8:8, "I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love."

1 Tim 1:5, "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned."

1 Peter 4:8-11, "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

**2) The discernment in the love of Christ.**

Abhorrence of evil. Cleaving to what is eternally beneficial. "Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good"

Ps 97:10, "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked."

Ps 34:14-15, "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry."

1 Peter 3:10-12, "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

**3) The affection and preference in the love of Christ.**

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another"

1 John 5:1-5, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

1 John 3:14-16, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

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Top photo, Pastor Bong Escala with the members of Lighthouse BBC Cainta do their final presentation as they celebrated their 24th Anniversary last night. Lower photo, the International Bible Baptist Church, with Pastor J Hernes Abante held their first Missions Conference outside US last week at Lighthouse BBC Tatalon. The conference also featured a mini concert of the Lighthouse Stewards (see picture on front page).

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