

## MINISTRY UPDATE FOR 2022

Dear Pastor Wee and brethren in Christ at Shalom Baptist Church,

Greetings from the Philippines!

We ended 2021 with the prayer that more can be done in 2022 and the Lord has been so gracious and merciful for using us to do so much more than what we expect. His Words from Ephesians 3:20-21 are so true.

*“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”*

As pandemic restrictions have been slowly lowered down in 2022, we had more freedom to do what we normally do before Covid-19 and finally, sometime around the month of August, the country announced full face to face and a full capacity in establishments, schools and churches. It was indeed a great joy seeing everyone freely worshipping in church again after a long time. Let me share some of the things the Lord allowed us to do in 2022.

### Youth Banquet and Fellowship (June 2022)



Here at BBC Murcia we have a motto, “Start them young”. As what Proverbs 22:6 and Ecclesiastes 12:1 teaches, we make an effort to teach and train our young people to be faithful in the Lord starting from a young age, making wise decisions in life guided by Biblical principles, and follow the Lord’s leading. That is our goal and prayer everytime we have an event for our youth. We firmly believe the young people are the future of our church.

## Children's Vacation Bible School (July 2022)



*"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." -Matthew 19:14*

We were blessed to have our VBS again this year 2022. The Lord gave us around 300 children everyday who come to church for a whole week.

## Barangay Yubo Soul Winning Drive (August 2022)

The church had the privilege of visiting one of our church members, Teacher Marmie's hometown at Brgy. Yubo, La Carlota City. She had a 1-week vacation from her work abroad and brought home some school supplies to donate to her alma mater, an elementary school at the top of the mountain. We went along with her and brought free Bibles, and along the way up as well as down the mountain, we gave out tracts and did some soul winning. Before giving the items to the school, the school principal gave me an opportunity to preach to the parents the Gospel of our Lord. The journey up the mountain took a 2.5 hours hike, but praise God along the way a sugarcane truck was passing by and let some of us ride just right up to the river which we had to cross on foot. The trip was difficult and tiring but the joy we had sharing the Gospel and being a blessing to the people there was so great.



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## Extension Church Anniversary @ Hacienda Paz (October 2022)



October, 2022, we went up to Hacienda Paz to have an anniversary service for our extension church Sunday afternoon. Praise the Lord for the members in that place who are still faithful serving the Lord and sacrificing to help build the church building.

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### Extension Church Anniversary @ Smile 2 Village-Candunggun (December 2022)



Taken on the second Sunday of December, 2022, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year anniversary of our new extension church at Smile 2 Village. We still gather for worship every Sunday afternoon at one of the church member's house. Please continue to pray for the building we are currently building that God would continue to supply the needs.



### Mindoro Mission Trip and Church Organization (December 2022)



The first Sunday of December, 2022, by the Lord's provision and will, I went to Calintaan, Mindoro, with some of the men from the church to organize the mission work under missionary Peter Eliorda who was sent out by BBC Murcia. It is a joy to see the members who are growing in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord there.

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Please pray for brother Joseph Fernando (the one leading the song). He stayed behind in Calintaan to be a help to the Eliorda Family in the ministry there.

## Mountain Pastors' Fellowship (December 2022)

We praise the Lord that we were able to host a Pastors' fellowship in the month of December to the Pastors and Missionaries around the Don Salvador Benedicto mountains, whom we are supporting through our Mission program. The church together with Dreamland Christian School collected boxes of groceries to be given to them for their families.



## Thanksgiving Sunday (December 2022)



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## Baptism (2022)



Taken during our Mission Emphasis Month in November 2022



Taken later in the evening of our 24<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

## Church Family Camp (January 2023)



We thank you, church, for the love, prayers, and support. You have a great part in the Lord's ministry here in Murcia. Looking forward to many more things that the Lord will have us do by His grace this year 2023.

All For His glory,  
Pastor Jameson N. Embao