



We are so grateful we know **Jesus**, the One holds the whole world in His hands. A year ago I had just had surgery for a broken knee cap and spent the next 3 months in an immovable leg brace. Then 3 months going to rehab to get my range of motion back (still working on that). God was so good as I experienced very little pain and Joe was there taking such good care of me “through better or worse”. Some laughed and said it was his pay back to me for the years I have been there for him through all his surgeries.

End of Year Report 2021

Another year of Covid. Who would have thought?? In the Philippines during lockdowns no one can leave the house except one designated family member to go to buy food, etc. Even reports of people being arrested for not wearing masks, just outside their own homes. No church services allowed in so many countries and people not being able to work has caused a definite hardship for the churches and ministries in so many places. **We are encouraged to see how our partners in various countries have continued on with training and preaching the gospel in spite of the severe restrictions.**

Evan Silungwe, EGI Coordinator in **Zambia**, went home to be with the Lord in June, from Covid. We met him in Dallas in 2005 before they returned to Zambia and had lost contact for years. Then in 2016. he and his wife Rose. contacted us saying EGI materials and training were really needed in Zambia. Since that time they have done large and small



trainings in many parts of Zambia. He leaves behind God. They had continued training one on one and Covid restrictions. But the Lord is raising up leaders to carry on his work and ministry along with Rose. EGI committee saying they “will carry on Evan’s legacy and keep pushing on.” In October they had a joyous Memorial Service and graduation of students from the EGI courses. This last Sunday they had an ordination of 7 pastors. This is a short video clip of Evan talking about the need of using EGI materials.

<http://equippersgroup.org/Evan.mp4>

Since we couldn't go to the Philippines we sent a video message of hope and encouragement from God's Word, that is Christians comfort and strength during these time. Here is the link to that short video

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zbtCtIbQBMDv31N8jQKL5VYn2NpzWaar/view?usp=drive_web/ Through these



dark times many in ministry around the world are bringing hope to the people through the gospel.

Some of our first disciples, Jun & Annie Salayon went to



the central part of the Philippines 17 years ago to do church planting. Last year Sis Annie (Jun died in 2019) did an extensive EGI training (every evening for a month) of their leaders. It started with 22 participants and went to 28 , then 30 with

hardly any absences. After the month she continued on Wednesday nights. This is the result of the training: In May this year she sent photos of the 32 new converts they were baptizing. Then another round of shutdowns where they couldn't visit the churches, have services closed and the people couldn't even work. But it is up and going again and she sent photos of their 3 churches and a new missions outreach.

Prayer Requests

- 1, God willing we would like to go to the Philippines in August to be there for CNCC churches 38th Anniversary. It will also be our 50th Wedding Anniversary and we decided what better place to spend it than with our "first fruits"/spiritual children. OF COURSE it's all dependent on Covid restrictions and our health.
2. Pray for the work and workers in different countries that are enduring so much hardship because of Covid and restrictions. Satan wants to hinder the work of spreading the gospel any way he can, but these workers are proving they are overcomers.
3. Pray for so many both overseas and here that have lost ones to either Covid (we have a Laotian family we have ministered to for years that lost 4 family members in a month to Covid) and that through the heartache and pain people would draw closer to the Lord..
4. Please pray about making a contribution to help us continue this work as it is very much needed. Send to **EGI, PO Box 399, Euless, TX 76039** Tel: 817-545-5737 www.equippersgroup.org. For tax purposes, make sure your *check is postmarked by Dec. 31,2021*

May each of you be blessed in 2022 and have the favor and Protection of the Lord and all that HE has prepared for you!

As always, thanks for your prayers, love and support!

Joe & Jo Hughes and the whole EGI Team