



THIS IS A SPECIAL (email only) REPORT WRITTEN BY PASTOR SAMMY TABUENA, DEAN OF EOTEM/OBC INTERNET STUDIES OF THE EOTEM/OBC GRADUATES' WORK ON THE ISLAND OF BORACAY PHILIPPINES. THIS IS A PROOF THAT RESTRICTIONS OF ANY KIND CAN NOT HINDER THE WORD OF GOD.

“Dear Bro. Dave:
Thank God for the King James Bible and Right Division. The Word of God is not bound by the many hindrances.

I am about to leave Boracay Island now. The pastors are hungry of fellowship and have asked me to extend my stay for two more days. They have never had a "guest preacher" visiting the island since the two-year pandemic lockdown. Hotel rates are very cheap. Because of the pandemic, our pastors there were able to build better relationships with the local government officials and hotel personnel. It is surprising how pastors are highly respected in the island, at least at this time. We used to just sleep in church whenever we visit Boracay, but right now we are able to stay in some nice apartment managed by some Christian politician at a very big discount.

I will pass by Culasi, Antique today to bring the printed OBCI correspondence materials to Pastor Alada. Five more new students from his church just enrolled, but they have difficulty with internet. So I asked him to gather his students and go online as I lecture once a week. If mobile data internet connection is disrupted, I will just give instructions through Facebook messenger group chat, and he would do "follow-up" lectures.

Attached are photos of the ministries done by our EOTEM (Open Bible College) graduates in Boracay.



1. Boracay Baptist Church - Pastor Jimmy Medina (1st EOTEM/OBC graduate (1997) He went to Boracay in 2000)

(TO MY RIGHT: my wife, Pastor and Mrs. Medina, Pastor and Mrs. David, and daughters of the two pastors. In my FRONT: Pastor Nel Medina (nephew and volunteer pastor). LEFT: A church member's family)

WORSHIP ANNIVERSARY



On the farthest back is a vice-governor candidate, local PNP chief, and municipal mayor. On the front left (two ladies) are PDEA (Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency) and DSWD (Department of Social Welfare and Development) officials. All heard the gospel preaching. Praise God!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 (Taught by Mrs. Medina, an EOTEM/OBC 1997grad)



Christine, a native of Boracay Island, just got married. She was one of the converts of the Boracay ministry. She went through OBCP for three years. However, she finished her last year in another Bible school because of the decision of those who support her in Bible school. But she went back to her home church after Bible college and volunteered to help her home church.

YOUTH MINISTRY



COUPLE'S MINISTRY



KINDER SCHOOL MINISTRY

(Analyn Valencia - an EOTEM/OBC Residence school graduate, teaching kindergarten one-on-one)



Parsonage of Pastor Jimmy (affected by the recent typhoon, Odette)



Church location →



PRAYER REQUEST: The rented church building is to be sold by the owner soon. Please pray as they look for a new place to rent. If this happens, this would be the second time they have to move. People in Boracay are transient, so it is difficult to get steady church members.

2. Boracay Community Baptist Church - Pastor Domingo David (our first EOTEM/OBC internet correspondence graduate in Boracay. BCBC is the first church started on Boracay from Pastor Medina's Boracay Baptist Church)

Pastor David is our first graduate in our EOTEM/OBC extension school in Boracay. Pastor Jimmy Medina gathered them two times a week and went over the OBC lessons with the church members who attended the night class. Many enrolled and Pastor David was able to finish the Diploma in Bible.



TO THE LEFT OF MY WIFE: Pastor David, his wife, and his daughter (also an OBCP residence school graduate)

Pastor David works as a tour guide to finance his daughter's education (for her second course, after finishing Bible school). Ida just earned her bachelor's in pharmacology. I have personally witnessed Pastor David giving out tracts on the front beach of Boracay and how he always finds opportunity to share the gospel to tourists he guides through the island.



Notice the gospel tracts in his hand. I was not able to capture in photo when he handed out gospel tracts.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Ida Louise David, an EOTEM/OBC graduate, helping a child put on his shoe.



This four-year-old church was started by Pstr. Domingo David right after graduating from EOTEM/OBCP. Photo was taken December 2021.

Baptism of recent converts



Pastor Sammy Tabuena, Dean of EOTEM/OBC internet school, five recent Boracay graduates, Pastor Jimmy Medina.

This man, Bro. Rowell, has been a faithful church member. He sells ice cream for a living. He has been attending classes since the first "batch", but was able to finish only now. His wife is a very faithful



volunteer who keeps the ministry "smooth".

The term "extension" school is quite common here in the Philippines, and it means students are

studying through correspondence or "distance" education. Many Filipino students have difficulty understanding the online lectures or correspondence materials in English, so their pastor would often gather them weekly and hold the classes for them to understand the material. Some even meet online in groups with their pastor.

We have groups of students (the OBC "Extension" Schools) in the following locations:

- 1) Iloilo City**
- 2) Wright, Tapaz, Capiz**
- 3) Katipunan, Tapaz, Capiz**
- 4) Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan**
- 5) Camarin, Caloocan City (meeting online with other students in Bahrain)**
- 6) Rizal Province in Luzon**
- 7) Oton, Iloilo**
- 8) Lipata, Culasi, Antique**

All students enroll individually to our correspondence/internet Bible school. Then we send the material to their pastor, then their pastor would print and teach the lessons to the group of Bible students who are members of his church.

There are many "unsung heroes" who graduated from our Bible school, that I have no communication with. Thank God for sound doctrine. It keeps the fire of God's Word burning in their hearts.

Thank you, Bro. Dave Reese, and Bro. Roger Bayona for your leadership. We pray for wisdom and strength as you continue to teach us.

For the love of Christ,
Sammy Tabuena “

Added Comments by Dr. Dave Reese:

Pastor Sammy Tabuena is the son of former EOTEM Calvary Baptist Church pastor, Diosdado Tabuena who is with the Lord. I've known Sammy since he was a child. He attended and graduated from Calvary Baptist Church Academy (K-12th), and the Central Philippine University in Iloilo City, Panay. He has been pastor of New Testament Baptist Church of Trapiche for 21 years and Dean of EOTEM/OBC Extension Studies since 2019.

He is an accomplished pianist and very effective Bible teacher. More than that, he has maintained an outstanding Christian testimony from childhood through all his years. I have personally seen that as well as his excellent leadership abilities. Pastor Tabuena is a key member of EOTEM Philippine ministry. Ends of the Earth Mission is blessed and proud to have such a fellow laborer in the work of Philippine evangelism. ---March 1, 2022

Dave Reese

Founder and President

Ends of the Earth Mission

PO Box 4574

Beeville, Texas 78104

admin@eotem.com

davereese6@msn.com

(361) 254-1034