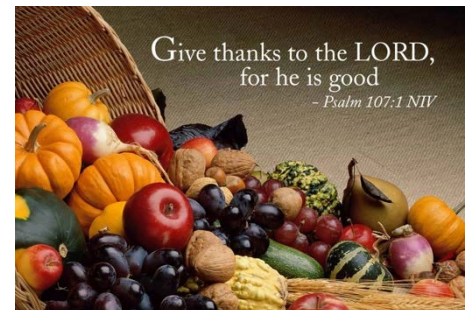




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## *The Ortigas Newsletter* *November 2025*



Dear Ones in Christ Jesus ~

November is such a great month to open our hearts, take inventory of the Lord's provision and protection and thank Him! How could we not!

***Maranatha Matters*** ~ We've had a great few ministry months at Maranatha. After our Cuba missions trip in July, we had 7 believers get baptized, amidst great joy and celebration by the entire congregation. Last month we expressed our appreciation to our Sunday School teachers and all other educators who spend quality time preparing and teaching our young children and youngsters and adults alike. Please pray for them all, as they are those who not only teach today, but also those who prepare the next generation of spiritual leaders. Included among such precious teachable lives are 8 children with Autism. We are all learning how to best help them. On Friday Oct. 31, we celebrated our Fall Festival Event, where we invite our neighbors to attend so we may share with them that Jesus is the Light of the World. This year's theme was Jesus Is... What a great opportunity for us to share Jesus with all attendees. We had over 140 people attend this year, with two of them deciding for Christ.



**We rejoiced with those who were baptized.**



**Our beloved team of facilitators**

week and find it a great way to dive deeper into the message that is presented on Sunday. What a great job these folks are doing! Two Sundays ago, Bryan, a 17-year-old youngster, came to faith in Christ. This past Sunday, Alejandra, a first-time comer to Maranatha, accepted the Lord as her Savior. God is very much alive and active in our midst.

This month of November, we recognized and honored all our facilitators, those who lead home Bible studies in 10 different locations. We are averaging about 100 people in these small groups every



**Our Fall Festival Event**

After serving the Lord for 37 continuous years, I find myself feeling the weight of time on my back. God is so good and continues to encourage my heart and strengthens my body to keep going. We are praying for the man who will step up to take my place. Please do join in on this earnest prayer request.

**Family Matters** ~ Many of you became aware of Mary's health issues, where she was found with an unknown mass in her abdomen, where she has been experiencing severe pain for several months. Thank you so very much for your powerful prayers. As most of you know, it is not a matter of a malignant cancer, but rather a soft tissue knot that formed during her post-cancer reconstructive surgery 27 years ago.

She will see a surgeon on Nov. 12 to consider a few viable options to help her with this chronic abdominal pain. Sarai, our first-born, continues with her Lupus battle, plus other health complications. The other new challenge that she faces is that her position at her online job was terminated, resulting in her now being unemployed. She is now actively seeking another form of employment, especially, one that would be considerate of her condition. Please do pray for her heart, her health and her need of a job. Priscilla, Brad, Ollie and Levi are doing better, especially after a prolonged period of about 5 weeks with poor health – all four of them. Sylvia continues to live with us and working in a wound care clinic. She will finally be seen by a Loyes-Dietz Syndrome specialist in Houston, after over 2 years where she could not secure such an appointment. Please do pray that her aorta diameter remains unchanged, after his long period of time without her being examined. I, Franc, continue to battle a sciatic pain I've had for a few years now. Mary says it is part of my age, but I refuse and refute such idea - Ha!

**Missions Matters** ~ Cuba: I continue mentoring my beloved Brother Emilio, the missionary who has had an extensive church-planting ministry in the rural areas of the western part of the island. I'm also helping Daniel, Emilio's fellow church-planting partner in his personal and ministry challenges. Our 2026 plans are set for July 6-15. We are now considering a slightly bigger group, covering the needs of children, youngsters and adults. Please pray for the Lord's provision, as we always try to take along offerings to help those who have forsaken their jobs to serve the Lord, especially in church-planting. You may think that \$30 may not make any significant difference, but that is the amount that will sustain one of these families for a month! So, please do think if you'd like to participate in this endeavor with us.

Our Cuba Partners Emilio and Daniel



**Gratitude** ~ Mary and I do not have the words to express our profound sense of appreciation for your lives, and your vital partnership, some from as far back as 1990. Our gratitude to you and all glory to God. May the Lord richly bless you and provide for your own needs, even as you invest in our lives and through us, reach many others. I've always thought that only in heaven will we really know the difference that our service to God has come to mean. Thank you!

May the Lord bless you as you gather with your loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving! May God also grant you a very Merry Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, and may we continue to remind this dark world WHO HE is! We pray for God's peace, love and joy to fill your hearts and may we all be thrust to live lives that are pure and passionate for His Kingdom. May we seek to proclaim Him where He may take us, as we continue to live by God's Grace and for God's Glory!

Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year 2026!

With much love and eternal gratitude,

**Franc & Mary Ortega**



