

# BER-MONTHS WORSHIP EXPERIENCE!

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"I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because **he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service...**" - 1 Timothy 1:12

In our sermon series of the book of Romans, I have been constantly reminded of two things. Mankind is truly sinful, but God is ever faithful. Like Paul's testimony to Timothy, I will be forever thankful to Jesus Christ, for despite my weakness and wickedness, He still judged me faithful, and still appointed me to His service!

For the past months, I was given opportunities to worship God to serve Him in various capacities. So, as I write my last **Parson to Person article** for 2022, let me share some of my precious worship experiences with you.

*Last September, we conducted Summer Jam 2022. It was a music training program designed specifically for kids and youth to learn to sing, play the drums, guitar and keyboard. During the recital day, they showcased their talents by playing as a band. And as the first band played, suddenly the recital day turned into a meaningful time of worship! The kids and youth led us in songs of praise and worship for the rest of the afternoon. In that moment, I witnessed how God raised up the next generation of worship leaders!*

*Last October, I was appointed to preach God's Word. For me, preaching is not just a privilege to bring God's message to the church, but also an opportunity to trust the Lord! My main ministry involvement has been in the worship team ever since my teenage years, while my preaching ministry only started a year ago. That explains why I find preaching a lot more challenging compared to worship leading! But I thank God for opportunities like this where my skills and service are being pushed to the limit. For during those moments, I learn not to depend on my own capacity, but to rely fully on God's immense power and sovereignty!*

*This November, I joined a mission trip to Bohol. Together with P. Don and Tagaytay Christian Academy, we conducted a worship conference in the town of Trinidad, a 3-hour drive from Tagbilaran. There were 135 delegates from more than 10 local churches who attended the 4-day conference. The delegates were so committed that despite the occasional rain, crowded place and intense heat, they never missed the chance to be further equipped so they could worship the Lord with excellence! Through that conference, the Lord re-ignited my passion for missions, especially in mentoring worship teams in small churches! *This December, we anticipate**

more opportunities to worship the Lord through various forms of service! As a worship pastor, I strongly encourage all of you to participate in our upcoming events for corporate worship.

On December 4 worship service, let us all take part in the "12-Baskets of Christmas Offering". It will be a special segment to give everyone the blessed opportunity to give a special offering to the Lord aside from our regular tithes and offerings.

On that same day, let us also attend our Church Annual Business Meeting after the second service. It's a short time where members gather as the church presents its plans and budget for the coming year. The business meeting will also include the election of new 2023 church leaders. Join us as we pray for and affirm our four candidates for deacons and three for elders.

Lastly, join us in our Christmas Eve Service on December 24, 4:30pm - 6:00pm. Together let us remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Righteous King!✱