

THERE IS HOPE!

Bgy. Cagmanaba & Badian, Oas, Albay



PROJ: TIMES OF REFRESHING

Pastors play a key role in the health of the church. The state of the church normally reflects the state of the Pastor's heart. A tired and bored Pastor would plunge the church into lethargy. If this physical and mental inertness progresses then the likelihood of the church becoming as stale as a century old religion with the strong smell of decay could happen very soon. That would render the army of God powerless and inutile. So many ministries and church resources are focused on helping the poor and the needy outside, but seldom do we see churches invest in the wellbeing of the very person who should always be on top of the game. We believe that revived and energized Pastor's and church workers would translate to a dynamic, vibrant and passionate churches consumed by spiritual fire to aggressively advance the kingdom of God against the realm of poverty and deprivation.

GOAL

The aim of the project is to encourage and re-energize for service the Pastors and church workers. We would like them to feel inside and outside, the special love of God and renewed trust for them, through the Times of Refreshing programs designed to show full appreciation and recognition of all the hard work and sacrifices they rendered throughout the many years of service for the church.



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REFRESHING Program 1: BLESS THE PASTORS & KINGDOM WORKERS (SPECIAL DINNER EVENT)

We would like to bring the churches together for a special dinner event where we could honor the Pastors and the church workers, give full recognition to the sacrifices they have rendered in service for the church and the people of God, and recognize the great contribution that their respective families have given the church by allowing their Pastor parents to focus on serving the church and the community. It will be a night of praise and thanksgiving to God for these very special servant leaders - Pastors and church workers, who willingly gave their lives up in exchange for the privilege to serve the Lord through His church and the opportunity to be God's messenger of hope to the lost and suffering people of the community.

REFRESHING Program 2: BLESS THE PASTORS (SURPRISE GIFTS & BLESSINGS)

The faithful and persevering Pastors deserve lavish blessings not just a plaque of appreciation, for them to feel and know that the God they serve is a God who truly blesses His people in abundance - lavishly! We know that they would not feel comfortable with this and would outright say that they are undeserving and may opt to decline; but we will not allow them for we believe that they really are deserving of the overflowing love of God.

Gifts may range from groceries and food items for the enjoyment of the Pastor's whole family to Cash gifts that they could use to help them in these very difficult financially challenging times. Add to the list, new tech tools to make the pastor more relevant to the times. If we are able to raise more funds for this program, then we would like to include a Rest & Recreation time, in a special vacation place for a truly unforgettable experience.





REFRESHING Program 3: LEADERSHIP ENHANCEMENT for CHURCH LEADERS

Most churches have overlooked the need of the Pastors to continually learn in order to enhance their person and capabilities. Much value is given to training the church members for ministry but have less emphasis on the development of Pastors and church leaders to upgrade their knowledge in church management and Christian leadership. The program aims to cover this area of need by providing the Pastors training opportunities in the many areas of church leadership that may help them immensely as they navigate the movement of their church to the future. Some of the priority trainings are in the line of Cutting-Edge Leadership, Community Impact and Use of New Technology in order to make the pastors relevant to the challenges of the present times and be more effective in the leadership and management of their respective churches.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

A. VOLUNTEER

- Choose your preferred date when the Times of Refreshing event will be held.
- Fill up the Online Registration Form.
- Attend the online pre-departure briefing.
- Join the team bound for Bicol on the prescribed date and time.

B. DONATE (suggested gifts to bring)

- Bag of groceries
- New set of Bible & Christian literatures
- Smart Phone or computer
- New set of clothes for use on Sunday services
- Financial gifts



C. CHAMPION

- Serve as an emotionally invested spokesperson for the ministry.
- Set up and lead a prayer group committed to intercede for the pastors and kingdom workers.
- Mobilize for the ministry by inviting other believers to join.
- Challenge the people of God to support the initiative through their donations.
Rally the believers to contribute either in cash or in kind.



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