

PREFACE

“In his summation, pastor brought out the significance of the book of Revelation to the context of our times. The Lord God omnipotent reigneth! Though Satan intended to hinder the work of God and the advancement of the Gospel, the Hand of God overruled. It is God-glorifying. God turned everything into a blessing (like scoring a goal in a football match!). It is God Who has planned all things. Just by listening to one of pastor’s messages, the hearers were able to see its differences from their previous learning. It must be the Holy Ghost Who has enabled them to see the difference! But only the honest and upright can see it. Some people had asked why we seemingly have a monopoly of the truth in the midst of apostasy? The answer is because God has given to presiding pastor the right exegesis of the Scriptures. This speaks of the anointed ministry of the man of God. Paul in heaven will be happy to hear about the continuation of the acts of the Holy Ghost in our times. God hath provided every of the needs of His servants, including their meals and accommodation. The role of the woman too was highlighted, with Mercy Tovilli serving as their cook. It is a joy to see the unity and harmony among the missionaries and how all things were done according to the leading of the Holy Ghost. Thank God for the privilege to be found under the ministry of the true servant of God and to behold the wondrous workings of God. Apostasy is not only rampant in India, but it is also universal, even unto the ends of the world. Pastor’s ministry is the hope for the world. The negative examples of Joab and Ahithophel in the Bible brought fear to my heart. Pray that I will not end up like them. Apart from the perils of mosquitoes and elephants, we also heard of the hindrances of the enemies in the mission trip. Satan would not welcome the missionaries nor open the pulpit for them to preach. But the greatest and most fearsome enemy is ourselves. Pastor particularly highlighted that if we alloy his messages, we are not one of his. May God help me to see all my failures and amend my ways. I also have the tendency of not acknowledging the source from whom I obtain the messages. I would only acknowledge the source when it comes to my mind. I thank God for the courage given to me to stand up at the call of consecration, peradventure it be unto my salvation. The ministry of presiding pastor is the true ministry. Today he alluded to his calling. I pray that I will continue to acknowledge the man of God. I need to be faithful as I am always a covenant breaker. The only way for me to respond uprightly is to consecrate myself. I hope I will mean it in my life. God is so gracious to me for though I could have ended up in many other false churches but God has brought me to Banaue so that I could meet the missionaries. At that time, despite the rumours and negative feedback of the people with regards to the missionaries, thank God it was the workings of the Holy Ghost in me that convinced me that they had conveyed the truth. I must count this as my blessing; may God have mercy upon me. Why is my life, more often than not, plagued by the judgments of God? Nevertheless, the fact that I often see God’s anger towards me also speaks of His mercies.” Antioch Buminaang, pastor in Banaue, The Philippines. The foregoing vespers are responses to the summation of the mission reports given by presiding pastor in the June Bible Convocation, Cameron Highlands, Malaysia; 12 June AD 2010