

Clemente Newsletter
April 2018

Today, I am in Manila, Philippines celebrating the life and death of my brother, the Reverend Tito Clemente, Jr. For two years now, he has been struggling with stage-4 colon cancer. On Thursday, April 19, 2018, God called him home. He passed away full of peace and visions of God's banquet table laid out before him. He is survived by his wife, Norma, his three children, Tim, Carole, and Jeremiah, and six grandchildren.

My brother, Tito, was a Free Methodist pastor and a former Conference Superintendent. He was a gifted Evangelist and was an active campus leader with the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF-Philippines). He was a coach, a teacher, a mentor, and a friend to many. I will miss him.

Below are the words of three Free Methodist Church leaders who are good friends of my brother Tito:

(From Bishop Alan Bacus, Bishop of the Philippine General Conference, FMC)

"To my dear co-worker in God's vineyard, my Ninong (godparent) and friend, Rev. Tito Clemente. Thank you for your life and your commitment to the Lord, to your family, and to his work. Your pain and your death has ministered to me so strongly. I praise the Lord that you remain faithful until the end.

Now YOU ARE FULLY ENJOYING LIFE FREE FROM ALL PAIN AND TEARS. We will be missing you. WE LOVE YOU."

(From Bishop Yuu-ichi Honda, Bishop of the Japan Free Methodist General Conference)

"A few times, I met with Pastor Tito in Singapore and Taiwan, where the FM Asia Area Fellowship and APFMMA meetings were held. I remember his fellowship with me has been always warm and encouraging to me, and I believe nothing can replace our friendship. We have both prayed for the ministry in the whole of Asia where God has called us here as ministers for His Kingdom. . . . He is surely in God's hand now and enjoying the everlasting fellowship with HIM.

I would like to promise with the bereaved family that I would keep on praying for all of you whenever I look upon a photo of Pastor Tito, with his wife Norma and two sons and daughter, which has been and is still on my desk! May God be with all of you as HE extends the most powerful consolation upon you."

(From Bishop Matt Thomas, Bishop of the Free Methodist Church USA)

“We mourn the loss but celebrate the life of Tito--a wonderful leader, pastor and servant of the Lord. Through the years, Tito has blessed countless people and pointed many toward heaven where he now has the honor of standing before the ascended Lord. He has been a Kingdom blessing and has triumphed through much, this recent health challenge not excepting. He has been a personal friend and always engaged me with grace, truth and eager anticipation for what God might do.

The Free Methodist Church has lost one of its dearest international leaders. The larger body of Christ has lost a coworker. Many of us have lost a friend. We bless the whole Clemente family as Tito joins many family members who have reached their goal."

Prayer Request

During the month of May 2018, I will be in Nepal with Pastor Abraham, our Country Leader. Together we will visit five different areas in the country and share with our many local churches and FM members.

This will be a time of teaching and training. I will have short teaching sessions from the Gospel of Mark, and some of our District Leaders (DL), pastors who are responsible for leading other local church pastors, will also have an opportunity to teach and lead a session or two.

Please pray for God's wisdom as we teach. Pray for traveling mercies as we have six in-country domestic flights and two days of land travel. Pray for a time of encouragement and affirmation of our heritage as Free Methodists in Nepal.

Thank you for your prayers!

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