



RUBEN TEORICA
serving in **SAN PABLO CITY, LAGUNA**

White Fields is pleased to introduce a new church planter, Pastor Ruben Teorica, in partnership with Philippine Rural Ministry, Inc. Pastor Ruben is church-planting in two barangays of San Pablo City. We praise God for the opportunity to partner with Pastor Ruben as he brings the word of the Lord to the people in his target area.

I learned about God inside a prison cell. At the age of seven, I learned to live a life separated from my parents. It was at that age that I learned to rob in order to live. I was in and out of prison in Metro Manila beginning at the early age of eight years old. When I was 22, I was involved in a crime that landed me back in prison. That same year I escaped from my cell, but after a few months, I was captured and imprisoned once again. I thought it was my end.

However, God is so good because He did not let me continue my life in darkness. Praise the Lord that He used a foreign missionary with the International Prison Ministry to bring His word to me. I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ when I was 26. He has changed my life; I am now a pastor. The International Prison Ministry helped me as my faith grew.

When I was released from the National Maximum Penitentiary at the age of 28, I served as a Sunday school teacher in the church of the missionary who had led me to Christ. About one year later, I moved to Sangandaan, Caloocan City to start a local work. I was able to pioneer two churches—one in Sangandaan and the other in Kapatalan where I served as pastor for almost 11 years.

My first wife went home to be with the Lord shortly thereafter and I moved to San Pablo City where I am now church planting in two barangays. The first target area, San Lorenzo, is about ten kilometers from San Pablo City. The second area is in Santa Ana which is about 12 kilometers away from the city proper. The estimated population of the two barangays is 500 and 700 families, respectively. These two areas are heavily populated by members of the Roman Catholic Church and the Iglesia Ni Cristo, a cult group that denies the deity of Christ.

Please pray for me and my second wife, Elizabeth, as we work for the expansion of God's kingdom. Pray that we will effectively train new leaders and disciple our flock. I desire that prayer be a lifestyle for the church body, and that they will be faithful to follow Christ and give to the ministry. Thank you for your support.

Pastor Ruben Teorica

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise God—for He, alone, can change the heart of man*
- *Pray for the Teoricas, that they will be sensitive to the leading of the Spirit*
- *Pray for effective discipleship of the church body*
- *Pray that God will soften the hearts of the people in these areas, giving them ears to hear the Word*
- *Pray that God will sustain Pastor Ruben, Elizabeth and his daughter Eunece (18)*
- *Pray for open doors to share the gospel*

'Let them give glory to the Lord—declare His praise in the islands.'

