



Newsletter from the Navatos

Your Church Planters to the US Military

September–October 2026

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

John 15:16 — “Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain...”

A Special Blessing from 1978 (Below is an email sent to me by Sister Connie.)

June 10, 2026

Dear Pastor Ed,

I am so sorry to disturb you. This is Connie from Tennessee. I was originally from the Philippines, but I now live in Tennessee, U.S.A. I was searching for a friend and schoolmate who led me to Christ in 1978. His name is Ed Navato, and I was wondering if you are that person. I went to school in Pasay City at Aerotronics Technical Institute. If you are that person, kindly send me a message through my email at ... I have a dear classmate in the Philippines who was also searching for him. Unfortunately, my dear friend passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are eagerly searching for him just to let him know that we are so grateful and thankful that he (Ed Navato) shared with us the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Right now, I am a member of Harvest Baptist Church here in Tennessee.

Thank you so much, Connie

Therefore, I first contacted Sister Connie's Pastor to confirm, and asked his permission if I can reply to her. Her Pastor confirmed that Connie is one of their faithful members, and gave me permission to reply. And so I did! Connie gave me permission to share her pictures, along with pictures of her late U.S. Navy veteran husband Bill, and our friend, Ning, whom I had the privilege to lead to the Lord in 1978, also. **Glory to God!**

We are blessed to report to you that the Fords joined Freedom Baptist Church. We had a great **Father's Day** and **God Bless the USA Sunday**. Bro & Mrs. Opilas and 6 members of Mira-Mesa Bible Baptist Church from CA; Bro. and Mrs. Lito Tabugan and their children from the P.I.; and Bro. and Mrs. Ed Habal, their daughter Kezia, and their friend Tiara from HI; all visited Freedom Baptist Church. **Matthew got baptized! Myra led her first soul, Mara, to Christ!** Praise the Lord! Pray for Elvie. I took her to the ER because of swollen legs, feet, and shortness of breath. She will be seeing a cardiologist soon.

We cannot thank you enough for your love, prayers, and support. **God bless you!**

Your church planting missionaries to the US Military in Japan,

Ed & Elvie Navato

Bro. Ed and Elvie Navato



Sister Connie with husband Bill



Connie in white, Ning in orange



Fords Joined FBC



Happy Father's Sunday!



God Bless the USA Sunday



Brother Matthew



Pastor & Mrs. Opilas & MMBBC



Myra led Mara (right) to Christ!



Pastor Lito Tabugan & family



Missionary Ed Habal family



Elvie in the ER

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And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,
the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. II Timothy 2:2

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