

Huetong parish

Celebration of Christmas and 50 years Betharram Mission

On the night of 29th December All the peoples that area and other parishes were straight to Huetong village including the priests more than 20. The Christians about 600 gathering on that night. All the Christians were happy to meet each other and they were enjoyed their dinner about 6.30 pm. Then follow by the procession from the top of the village to the Church. It was the celebration of Christmas, st. Paul church and 50 years anniversary. The procession took 15 minutes then we had the mass outside St. Paul church because the church is too small. The mass presided by bishop Joseph Sangwal. All the people concentrate in the mass and they pay attention to the Eucharist celebration. They sang with one voice, with unity and with the same faith.

After the mass they conducted cultural program, the show , sing a song and tradition song, tradition music. All were enjoyed the function and the cultural program finished at 2.00 am in the morning.

On 30th December the peoples took about 4 hours for sleep then they got up to prepared food for all. After breakfast I met fr. Caset and he told me “The celebration this time the villagers help each other and cooperated with other villages come to help each other to welcome the guests. All the peoples are hearty welcome all to Huetong village and they are very happy to have this celebration and increase their catholic faith. It is the opportunity to proclaim the good news to non-Christian. I am also happy after 50 years the people understand the religious and carry on their faith. I am happy with the peoples that they have a good cooperation and hold their faith completed 50 years but we must still going on in evangelization to unknown God.”

10.00 am. We started the mass and presided by bishop Joseph. During the mass there were 150 peoples have received confirmation. It was a good scene to see during the mass. It is not often to happened like this. All the peoples were gathering with one heart to concentrate on mass. Even the mass took place in the sun but the people still calm and fervent in Eucharist celebration. The homily of the bishop “I am give thanks to God and grateful to Betharram missionary such as fr. Follini, fr. Joseph Seguinotte, fr. Bonat and others who brought the catholic faith to here. It is mavel[s] [amaze] how did they know Huetong village. Because that time no road to go through no transportation. How did they fine Huetong village. We must thanks missionary that planted catholic faith here and the faith grew up as we see today. All the people this village are catholic and the villages near by. You are grew up physically and spiritually now a day because catholic faith. It is sad because some throw away this faith and follow the world tradition. If you are not keep this faith in your life you will lost everything even your personal life especially your custom and tradition. I remind you, you must continue carry on this faith especially the new generations. So this 50 years celebration remind us that our ancestors keep this faith with difficulties so we must take up this faith and carry on. May God bless each one of us in this new year may the new things new in our life. Especially you who are received confirmation today you received the Spirit of God and you became the soldiers of God, take up this faith and carry it. May God guide you in your daily like to be the light of the world with your life.”

After the mass fr. Chaiyot let fr. Caset give the word of thanks for all. “I am thanks the bishop who came to presides the mass today, the priests and all of you. I am happy to see that came with faith to celebrate 50 years together here may all receive the blessing of God.” Then fr. Chaiyot introduce each priest to the Christians and finally fr. Chaiyot let the bishop give a message to the people “I am thank you missionaries again who brought faith to here and all of you should thank you missionaries what you are today. Do not throw this faith but faithful and carry on this faith especially the new generations. May we cooperate to each other, priests , sisters and all Christians work with unity. May God bless all of you, thank you. After lunch the peoples were go home.

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