

# **QUIMBOY QUIPS**

## ***September 2016***



### ***RECUPERATION, ORDINATION & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS***

Greetings from this side of the Lord's vineyard. We praise and thank God for all of you whenever we think of you. We are grateful to God for your friendship, support and partnership in the ministries that God has entrusted to us. Allow us to update you on our lives and ministries, may it bring glory to God as you read along.

We are thankful for all of you who have joined us in praying for Rita's condition. It has been almost three months now since she was hospitalized for what they say was an Acute Lacunar Infarction. It was caused by hypertension. She is now under medication and has gone back to work for more than a month now. We still have episodes of blood pressure spiking among other symptoms, but we know now how to handle it (though it's still stressful). The Lord has led us to a new cardiologist who is also a believer and she has been giving Rita good diagnosis, not to mention comfort from a sister in Christ through her patience with her and kind words and prayers. We are going to see her OB-Gyne to give us an answer if hormones are causing this symptoms too. We praise the Lord for how all these has brought us closer to God and to each other as a family. Again we thank you all for all your prayers, love and support. We are truly grateful.

It is my personal conviction that ordination is an undertaking by the church, where a man: saved by grace through faith in Jesus alone, gifted by the Spirit and is involved and immersed in the ministry; is set apart for vocational ministry for life. It is through ordination that this man is formally given authority by the church to exercise his gifts for the building up of the church for the utmost glory of God. 1 Timothy 4:14, where Paul encourages Timothy to not neglect the gift that is in him which was given him by the prophecy with the laying on of hands by the elders, establishes that ordination is with Biblical emphasis. With such an honor given to this man of God, ordination should not be an avenue to puff someone up and be proud of the title being given to him. Instead ordination should make the man seeking such affirmation and confirmation from the church meek and humble for the privilege and accountability being given to him.

I have sought such affirmation from the church not for the "prestige" of having a title prefixed to my name, but to consecrate myself with the confirmation of my church into a lifetime of commitment to the ministry. And after four hours (9am - 1pm) of answering the questions of the ordination council, I was ordained by my church's leaders.

It was an emotional and humbling experience. And I truly praise God for my salvation and for calling me in the ministry. Nothing gives me joy than being in the Word and ministering to the church.

## ***BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS***

I am writing this exactly on Yana's birthday (September 9). She woke up today at 5:15am. She usually gets up at 6 to get ready for school. This time she woke up early and wanted to go to school right away. She said this year its her "golden birthday," because it is September 9 and its her 9th birthday: 999. I don't know how she came up with that :-). She will be having a simple celebration at school with her classmates after class. Since she is 3rd grade she has been having after school activities now. She is part of the elementary choir and she's taking piano and violin lessons too. We are thankful for this little girl who's antics are both funny and heartwarming. It is our prayer that she would grow up, loving God and serving the church.

Yesterday I celebrated my 43rd birthday. Our prayer ministry has given me a birthday surprise party. I truly was touched when they prayed for me. I praise God for my family and my spiritual family. Glory to God.





Please let us know how we can pray for you. We love spending time with our hands folded for all of you. Feel free to add us on Facebook if we are not friends yet, so we could keep in touch. We praise God for all of you. As we patiently wait for our blessed hope, may we so ever be not ashamed of the gospel. God bless all of you.

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