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Philippines

• Flordeliza Dequino

Persecuted Christian

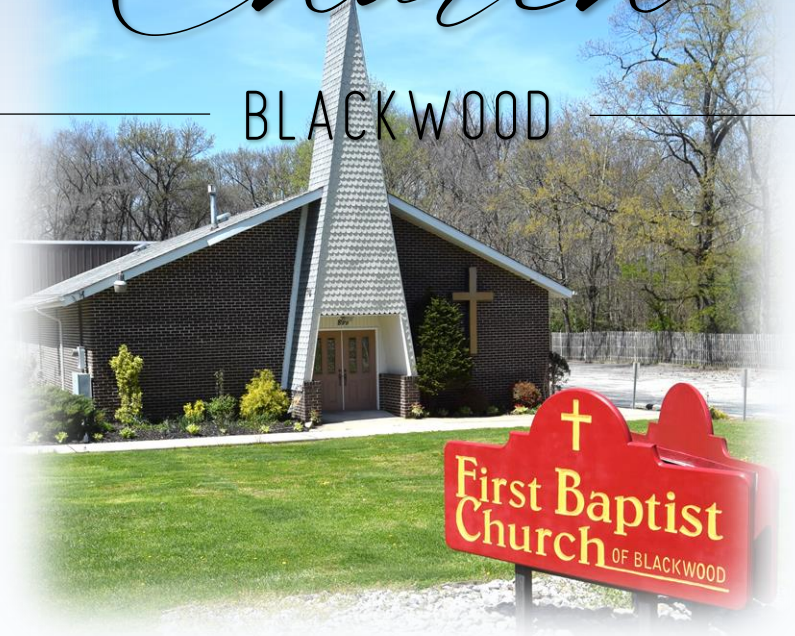
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Former Islamic Terrorist. Now a Faithful Pastor

- Alejandro used to be a terrorist with a militant Islamic organization in Mindanao. He'd bombed civilians, government soldiers, U.S. Marines & the homes of Christians. He didn't even know how many people he'd killed. "I was not afraid to kill anyone for the glory of Allah," he said.
- Alejandro was the only son in a strict Muslim family. He'd brought honor to his father by joining the Islamist rebels & was considered a worthy heir. But after several years of indiscriminate killing, Alejandro's conscience began to bother him.
- In 2009 he met a Christian who invited him to church. After turning down several invitations, He finally agreed to visit the man's church. During the church service, Alejandro suddenly found himself crying & walking to the front of the church. "I was a tough military guy, an Islamic killer," he said. "I never cried, never. That day, I decided to leave Islam & follow Jesus."
- When Alejandro's father learned that he had become a Christian, he exploded. His devout Muslim parents remain deeply angry with him.
- Later Alejandro decided to enter full-time ministry. When Alejandro completed his degree, he was assigned to a ministry location. Conflicts between military forces & Islamic soldiers were common in the area. Some nights, he used earplugs to block the sound of gunfire & exploding grenades so he could sleep.
- In 2014, after months of hard work, the church began to grow.
- Alejandro once planted bombs to kill Christians for the glory of Allah. Today, he follows Christ's invitation to be a fisher of men. Having sacrificed relationships with his family, he is willing to risk his life for the Lord.

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