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Email Update



Dear Family and Friends,

The Lord gave us a wonderful 30th anniversary of Bob Jones Memorial Bible College! I paused our furlough and returned to the Philippines for two weeks to be a part of this very special time in BJMBC's history. We had a four-day Bible conference on the theme "Restoring Biblical Ministry." Many pastors and church workers came, and our average attendance looked around 150-200. We probably reached 300 on the last day. The greatest blessing was Dr. Mark Minnick's ministry of the Word and our hearing wisdom regarding being a biblical minister and having biblical ministry. The Lord corrected and revived my own heart in several areas.

We also broke ground to construct BJMBC's first self-owned facility—a four-story building of classrooms, practice rooms, offices, auditorium, library, etc. A few yards behind it, we will also construct a building "slice" running along the back wall to provide dorm rooms for 40 students from the province. That will max out the 70% land area that the law allows us on which to build a permanent structure. The total lot area is about 6500 square feet (half of many U.S. house lots), so we are building UP! We thank the Lord that we now have over 55% of the \$800,000 needed, as some Americans, a few Singaporeans, and many Filipinos have sacrificially given.

While there I had the blessing of again witnessing, preaching, and teaching in my adopted country. The Lord sent us a few new students in November (start of second semester) from two restricted-access countries. What a great privilege we have. Please pray for them to have a good "missionary spirit" as they face the many differences in food, dorms, interaction, and culture in the Philippines. We are also praising the Lord for bringing Ruth Potter back to BJMBC as a career missionary and leading Sara Morris to do the same and start deputation after she teaches one more semester at BJMBC as a short-term missionary.

The biggest prayer request is for **revival**. We have seen a drop in enrollment and the number of believers in churches who want to serve the Lord in full-time vocational ministry. Although there are multiple factors in that, the key reason is the need for revival. When hearts are on fire for God, people want to study His Word and serve Him. Please also pray that the Lord uses us on furlough to **strengthen** the 20+ remaining churches that we will be in. We are also asking for the right ministry **partners**; our support level is at 85%. Let us all pray for **boldness** to speak joyfully of the riches we have in Jesus Christ who became poor for us. May the Lord give you a blessed and fruitful Christmas and New Year season! We thank the Lord for you.

Because Jesus was born, died, and lives!

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