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Email Update

Dear Partners in Prayer,

Thank you so much for your prayers for us during this first month back in the Philippines. Last month was a whirlwind of getting over jet lag, getting adjusted once again to life here, getting settled back into our home, launching the school year with many meetings and administrative decisions, preparing lectures, preaching messages, and teaching students.

We are very thankful for the 86 students that the Lord led to study at BJMBC this semester, especially since we already knew that only 56 students were returning from last year. Our one Burmese student last year recruited other Burmese to study, giving us five Burmese students! Please pray for their adjustment as well as the other two dozen or so new students. Studying at BJMBC is not easy and quite a change for every new enrollee.

The Lord is blessing my classes (Christian Family, Counseling, Preachers Forum, and Bible History & Geography) and Mila's class (Ladies Forum). Please pray for God's Spirit to illumine us and work in our hearts so that we might be God's instruments for His illuminating and working in the hearts and lives of our students.

The Lord also greatly strengthened me to preach seven times in three days on the island of Palawan. Ministering there involves a short flight, and 8-hour round trip in a van, and a 2-hour hike crossing a river a few times and climbing a mountain with some steep sections. I also set a personal world record for waiting in the Palawan airport when my flight was canceled three times because of rain (it is rainy season). I finally flew out 10 hours later.

A major task on my plate is preparing to teach a seminary class on the history of theology, which will be a 2-week module class in India. Please pray for me as I study for this, and also for the Lord to work out the logistic details that remain unsolved, regarding both our trip there and our two sons' care when we leave them here.

God blessed the turnover of the church I pastored before furlough. Raf Batang is the new pastor and a BJMBC graduate. He is 22 years old and grew up in the church, so pray for wisdom.

Since our return, we heard that two neighbours died during our furlough. One was a 70-year old man to whom Mila witnessed. He prayed to receive Christ as Savior and was asking for the next discipleship lesson and wanted to study the Bible. The other was the 49-year old director of a major TV network. He was homosexual, and a visiting pastor had prayed that he would either be saved or removed from his position of influence over the media. God answers prayer.

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