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to the
PHILIPPINES



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Email Update

Dear Partners in Prayer,

We are back in the Philippines! We are so thankful to the Lord and His people for caring for us so wonderfully during the last 9 ½ months. We had the privilege of ministering in 47 churches, and several invited us to minister to them again before we left. Our home church, Marquette Manor Baptist Church, gave us a very gracious send-off on our last Sunday. Pastor & Mrs. Schlagel and Phil's brother and sister-in-law, Gabe and Tylene Kamibayashiyama, were particularly helpful to make our furlough ministry possible. We praise the Lord for them and all the other churches, families, and believers who support us and pray for us. Together we are a ministry team that God has graciously used and blessed!

Re-entry to the Philippines reminded me of what serving in the Philippines involves: 10 mph traffic in Manila even at midnight, 90-degree weather in the shade, being surrounded by people speaking in Tagalog, only drinking purified water, and shopping at sidewalk vendors' tables on busy streets. Even the church I preached at this morning meets in an open-air venue a step away from a busy road. To hear the SS teacher, you had to really focus on his voice to not be distracted by other classes on the other side of the curtains or the noise of jeeps racing by. But what a privilege to share the transforming truth of the word of God!

Both Mila and I have already had the privilege to share the gospel to people these past 3 days. Sadly, none yet have been both understanding and tender-hearted to it. We have also already heard of 3 cases of marriage break-ups, which burdens me for God to use the Christian Family class that I begin teaching in a couple days. Another lady heard that I was teaching Counseling and is considering enrolling. Please pray that God would also greatly use my other 2 classes, both of which I normally do not teach: Bible History & Geography and Preacher's Forum. For both, I still need the Lord to show me wonderful things out of His law. Mila will teach Ladies Forum. Please also pray for the opening chapel messages that I will preach this week and that others will preach this month, that God would use His truth to convict to repentance, change, and equip.

At the start of the school year, there are so many decisions to make and orientation meetings to lead (faculty, office staff, student reps, dorm leaders, student body, dorm students). Please pray for wisdom "how to go out or come in" and "to judge Thy people, that I may discern between good and bad." Lastly, I preach at a church anniversary and installation service on June 12 and several times June 17-19 for the opening conference of a Bible school on the island of Palawan. I still need to have the Lord's mind for these opportunities and the Lord's help to preach in Tagalog. Thank you so much for your prayers!!

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