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Email Update

Dear Family and Friends,

I think many people wonder what missionaries on furlough do on weekdays or when they are not speaking at a church. Are we enjoying an extended vacation? While I cannot solve that mystery universally, I can describe main things that we do when we are not at a church.

1. Prepare for our next meetings.

I try to schedule more meetings and figure out where to stay between meetings. During this month of March, we will be ministering in 9 churches in 7 states. Communicating details with pastors and coordinating with hosts take time. Also, I want to know the Lord's mind for what to preach and say at each opportunity, not just press auto-pilot.

2. Prepare for our ministry after furlough.

The BJMBC school year starts on June 7, five days after we return. I will teach 3 classes this coming semester, and I need to prepare the lectures and assignments now. I was also asked to teach a 2-week module in India in August on "The History of Theology." I took a class on that 28 years ago, so I am doing a lot of study now before we return to the field, where there are more demands. Also in June, I was asked to preach at a church anniversary and be the Bible conference speaker of another Bible school. After preparing those messages, I need to translate them into Tagalog. Also, ministry on the field is draining, and we have been able to spend time listening to messages, reading books, and gathering resources for our souls.

3. Help my family.

While in the Romeoville area, we want to help our elderly parents. Since neither of them are able to drive, helping them often means being chauffeur and errand/shopping assistant. We are thankful for the opportunity to minister to them - they have given so much for me. Also, we have a special opportunity to guide our children. The last time we were in the States, we were leaving Tim to start his freshman year in college. Now he is a senior and Joy is a freshman! This is an opportunity to guide them more easily than when we are over 7000 miles away. We are praying for God's will for what Tim will do after graduation. We are also praying about what Joy will do this summer and after this summer.

4. Minister to the field even though we are not on it.

We evangelize souls and seek to edify believers here in the States. Also, with modern technology, we can counsel believers in the Philippines by skype. I also write a lot of emails to the BJMBC directors and staff as we correspond about various issues and problems.

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