



The
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to the
PHILIPPINES



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Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for praying for us, which shows your faith in Christ's teaching on prayer. We have traveled to 27 churches and have 16 more churches with less than 4 months left. God has been protecting, providing, working in hearts, and answering prayer. We have heard comments such as: "That message really ministered to my heart" and "the Lord has given BJMBC a very influential ministry in Asia." But the most encouraging comment was a pastor telling his people, "What God is doing there (in Asia), He can do here also. The gospel is the power of God!" This describes our furlough objective - to strengthen churches to not only pray for foreign missions but also to witness more faithfully in their own Jerusalem and Judaea.

We praise the Lord for raising up more "Boaz" supporters to provide our needs and become ministry partners. At the start of furlough, our support was 82%. Since then, two churches and one couple became monthly supporters. Also, two individuals increased their support. We now have 93% of our support need. Also, the Lord is helping us begin to save for future expenses: a 2 ½ week teaching trip to India in August and the purchase of a 'new' used vehicle. (We parted with our faithful 1998 Toyota Revo just before furlough because it could no longer be insured).

20 students are scheduled to graduate with a BJMBC degree on March 22. Like arrows released, they take our training in their hearts and lives wherever they go. Pray that they learn well at this crucial end of their training and go to serve well as the Lord leads them. At least 10 of them are called to preach. One example is Jeff, who recently preached an exceptional expository message that one faculty member said could not be improved upon.

Many may not realize how greatly God uses my wife Mila, so I devote this paragraph to her. At our church, Mila evangelized, discipled, and mentored the women, young people, and children more than anyone. At BJMBC, besides teaching a few ladies' classes, she is the main counselor for our ladies, especially the dorm girls and office staff. As a Filipina, she helps me translate my sermons and is a chief advisor in my administrative decisions. Her wisdom regarding Filipino culture has kept me and BJMBC out of trouble for decades! Actually, before I met her, Mila was already doing these kinds of things at her church and for other missionaries in their ministries. She loves souls and people and is the best witness I know. Mila is one of the Lord's special gifts to missions in Asia and uniquely to me. We all thank the Lord for her.

And thank you for co-laboring with us!

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