



Phil and Mila
Tim, Joy, Mark, Paul

The
Kamibayashiyamas
to the
PHILIPPINES



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Prayer Letter

Dear Partners in Prayer,

The Lord has wonderfully preserved us and provided as we visited 43 churches from Wisconsin to Tennessee and New Hampshire to Alabama. We now have 96% of our needed support, met many friends, made many new friends, and have clearly seen the Lord care for us along the way. Last month's email update described how God used an overheated engine in our van to give an opportunity to witness to a few men in Philadelphia. Nadeem, a Bangladeshi Muslim, initially rejected a gospel tract but later asked for it. (If you are not on our email list to receive monthly updates, please send us an email to be included.) Since that update, Mila and I had the privilege of leading an older Filipino couple to the Lord – born-again in their 70s!

With only May left in our furlough, we are in high gear preparing to return to the Philippines. God's preparing us to return includes a recent emphasis on the importance of a revived heart. With so much to do and less time (because everything seems to take longer in the Philippines), the tendency is to focus on getting the job done and righteously meeting deadlines. But once we neglect our heart, the work is not fully blessed by the Lord. Human effort, even in right work, will not result in eternal fruit. We need the Holy Spirit's filling by closely walking with Him.

As we leave, please pray for our children: For Tim to be a living sacrifice as a college graduate. For Joy to seek and follow the Lord's will during college. For Mark to develop Bible convictions during his last year of high school. For Paul to have soul satisfaction in Christ. For Mila and I:

1. For joy in Christ and wisdom to adjust to Philippine culture, high temperatures & humidity, rainy season and mosquitoes, and more pollution, traffic, and difficulty in doing things.
2. For great insight and effectiveness to teach. Mila's overseeing the homeschooling of Mark and Paul and teaching Ladies' Forum at BJMBC. Phil's teaching Bible History & Geography, Christian Family, Preacher's Forum, and Counseling. Also for preaching in BJMBC chapels and a Bible conference in June, and other preaching opportunities at churches.
3. For the Lord's leading on where to go and serve on Sundays and Wednesday nights.
4. For Phil's reacquiring the Tagalog language and communicating effectively in it.
5. For wisdom in purchasing a new vehicle, stove, computer, refrigerator, and other purchases.
6. For a good enrollment of many students to BJMBC for the school year starting in June.
7. For wisdom, love, and power to start the BJMBC school year and to re-establish godly relationships with pastors, students, coworkers (both Filipino & American faculty and staff)
8. For wisdom to lead BJMBC and to go out and come in to lead this great people.
9. For boldness to witness to neighbors, including those "neighbors" on the plane.
10. For provision and preparation for our India trip in August to teach.

Thank you so much for upholding us in prayer!
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