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Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19 AMP)

Dear friends and partners,



Happy Thanksgiving! To all our friends in the USA. Wow, is this year going fast or what? On November 1st, we celebrated eight years of ministry in The Philippines. It is hard to believe that it has been that long but when we look back at what the Lord has done, we are amazed, and extremely thankful. We have seen many kids grow up here including our own. Our kids have become an important part of the ministry. Two weeks ago, we traveled to a northern province to minister in one of our churches. Our kids led the worship and I spoke a message about receiving from God. The new van is such a blessing allowing us to travel and reach more people.

Above, Joshua, Alianna, and Shekinah leading worship. Below, the congregation, our family, and one dog, which kept roaming through the service at will. In the rural churches of the Philippines, it is normal to have a dog wander in and out of the church during the service.



We are involved in three churches in addition to the kids program we do. In October, we gathered our pastors and their families at the Transformation Center for a time of reflection, since it was our eighth anniversary. It was also a time of relaxation and refreshing. Our fellowship produces fruit and we learn from each other. I am very impressed with our pastors and their families. They do not have much but they are able to do much with little because their hearts are sincere in the love of God.

Below, our family along with our pastors and their families.



Pastor Jess and his wife have started a program to help some of the very needy children that live near the church. The kids come to the church three times a week after school. They feed the kids, teach them hygiene, help them with homework, and teach them about relationship with the Lord. They have started with ten kids. It is by faith because they did not have a budget for the extra expenses. However, they felt it was a matter of obeying and trusting God. It is a well thought out program and can be a model for other churches in The Philippines. We believe it is a God idea and by faith have pledged to increase the support we send them monthly to help them with their outreach. Many of the rural pastors in The Philippines survive with little

income. They are dedicated to serving the Lord and He takes care of them. They have truly learned to depend on God and have seen Him provide in unexpected ways. Our two churches in the north are in a farming area so many people have gardens and share their produce with each other.

Below, are some pictures from their children's outreach.



While visiting the church, the pastor introduced us to a woman and her one year old daughter. The baby girl has a severe cleft pallet that will require a very skilled surgeon. I am not going to post the picture now because it is disturbing. In the future I hope to share a before and after picture. I was touched by the love of the mother for her handicapped daughter. She named the girl "Blessie Joy because she is a blessing." The family is very poor. The young father works as a coconut vendor and probably makes about \$3 or \$4 dollars per day.

The Lord uses His people to be a connecting point. First, to connect others to Him, and His truth and love. However, sometimes that means connecting people to other resources and ministries that confirm His love and truth, in so many ways. Years ago, we had a neighbor boy in The Philippines that also suffered from a cleft pallet. The family was also poor and did not know what to do. I did some research and learned about an organization that specializes in doing cleft pallet surgery for free, in The Philippines. Below is a before and after picture of the boy. The after picture was about two or three years after the first picture.



We have sent contact information to the organization that can help the suffering girl, just as they did the boy above.

As always, we are so thankful to the Lord for you who support SGM through prayer and giving. You are a vital part of what we are able to do in The Philippines and around the world through the internet.

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 1:2-6)*

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