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“Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!” (Isaiah 6:2-3)

Dear Partners,

I know it has been way too long since our last newsletter, please forgive me. Sometimes I find it difficult to stop and take the time to communicate. For those who are waiting for a new message at God.net hopefully, by next week there will be a new one, pray for me. If you are signed up for updates you will get a notice. I have been working on several articles. I try not to put something out unless I believe I have something to say that is not from me but rather Holy Spirit inspired. Sometimes He will show me a message and it will start building inside me but I don't put it out until I believe He wants me too.

In news from here one of the major things that happened in the last few months is that Suzzhette did pass her board exam and is now a licensed social worker in The Philippines. We are very proud of her, it was a tough exam. She worked hard for this achievement and even endured a one-year government delay in being able to take the board exam. She is thanking God and knows He helped her all the way. Thank you to all who were praying with us.



Recently my son Joshua and I were on the streets in a city we feel God is calling us to do more in. This city has a reputation for darkness and even human trafficking. However, something is different there now. I did not sense the darkness or the oppression this time. It was different and the kids and people were different. There was a hunger to know God that we have not seen or experienced before in this place. Youth that we have known for a long time are having personal encounters with the Lord and they want to know Him more. On the way home, we were talking about it, we were amazed at what the Lord is doing there.

To be honest I do not know if this is a just local thing in this city or something the Lord is doing in certain places around the world or, could we be on the verge of the long prophesied worldwide awakening?

I know something is different, something is different in me and something is different in people we know. You may be sensing something is different in you. An awakening is beginning to happen and it is beginning in the people of God and also in the people who before now, were blinded to Him.

We know from the scripture above the whole earth is full of the glory of God. However, you can only see the glory of God if your eyes and heart are focused on Him. *For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness"--He has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ. (2nd Corinthians 4:6)* If you are watching too much news you probably don't see the glory of God. However, the news from Heaven is very good.

This scripture passage goes on to say that even when things are difficult if we keep our eyes focused on Jesus we will know and experience the glory of God. Years ago, I felt the Lord revealed to me that the glory of God is the manifestation and revelation of His love. We must begin to see Jesus in the people around us and in so many other ways, including the beauty of His creation. His glory is all around us, light shining in the darkness.



A few days ago, this little guy showed up at our gate, he was hungry. He was wearing a big oversized shirt that was too hot and heavy for our climate.

Since we have been here for so many years we have learned many things. I believe one of the most important things is that prayer really changes lives. We have been amazed at the number of times we have prayed for someone and blessed them and then we see them again months or even years later and are surprised to see the difference a simple blessing can make in a person's life. It is as though they are marked by the blessing of God. *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. (Mark 10:14-16)*



We asked him if he had eaten anything that day he said his siblings had found some small clams at the ocean beach which they ate.

Here is Joshua standing beside him so you can see his size. When we asked him how old he is he was not sure but he thinks he is 11. I said I don't think so. It is common for very poor kids to not know how old they are and they do not know their birthday. Sometimes the parents do not even know. In the USA, I would guess he is 4, however, here my guess is he is maybe 5 or 6 years old. He is missing a front tooth so maybe he is six. Many kids grow slower here because of the lack of nutrition. This kid is smart and a thinker, he sounds more mature than he looks when he talks.



We fed him and he can eat, we have been surprised before by his appetite. If you are in the USA you may be wondering why a little kid like that is wondering around town by himself. It is a different culture here and people think differently. However, what is true for the poor is not the same as the way people think who are more "middle class" which is considered rich here.



One of the things that amazes me is for families that only have a motor cycle for transportation, they can get three and even four people on the motor cycle and travel like that. The baby will be in the front sitting on the gas tank holding on to the handle bar for dear life, sometimes before they can walk. No one is holding the baby it is up to them to hold on. After ten years here I am still amazed by that but, it is so common here. We obviously have extra angels working in The Philippines.



I gave the little guy a pair of shorts which made him so happy. He quickly took off the big shirt and decided to just carry it back home. Later he came back with his sister (in the middle) and their little friend. The sister had been working all day gathering the small clams at the ocean so she could sell them. We did not want the clams but we gave her 20

pesos, about 50 cents so she could get rice for the family in case no one else bought them either. Then we gave them some food, prayed for them and blessed them. They were happy.



These two kids on the left are a couple of our regulars for feeding. This day they are on their way to the river to catch fish with their bamboo fishing poles. They came back later because they didn't catch anything so we fed them.



Above on the left, a Bible Study outdoors. On the right, a Bible Study in our room that we call the school. We use that room when it is rainy. However, we cannot use it when the rain is heavy because the roof leaks. Above this room is an open patio deck space. So, the flat floor of the patio is the roof of the school. It has drains but the basic design is flawed. We have tried several ways to stop the leaks, putting various sealers that are made for that. Eventually, the leaks start again. The temperature changes here along with the humidity and rainy season are very hard on things. We have come to the conclusion that we need to cover the patio area with a roof. That is probably the only way to really stop the leaks in the school. It would also give us another room to use above the school.

Below, a Bible Study group picture.



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This is my prayer for you. Father, for all those reading this may you pour out your grace in them. May your light shine in increasing measure in them and their family members. May you multiply your blessings in their lives and meet every need according to your promises. Amen.

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For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, a voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory: This is My beloved Son. I take delight in Him! And we heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with Him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic word strongly confirmed. You will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. (2 Peter 1:16-19 HCSB)