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"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited and redeemed His people, And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, ... To perform the mercy promised to our fathers And to remember His holy covenant, The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life." (Luke 1:68-75V)

Merry Christmas

It is hard for me to believe that we are already coming to the end of 2018. This year seemed to go by extremely fast. I think I say that every year, but it seems to be truer every year. We had some difficult and challenging times this year, but overall it was an amazing year. I believe that our family has grown more spiritually, this year than any previous year. We experienced an overwhelming amount of revelation and understanding this year, individually and together.



I truly believe we are in a Great Awakening. The Lord is doing something in the younger generation that is amazing and sometimes makes me jealous. However, I am extremely thankful to see it and be a part of it. The goodness of God always amazes me.

Today we had a small group come to the Bible Study. Sometimes smaller is better if they are more unified in receiving from God. Joshua has been teaching about the Holy Spirit and about worship.

During the worship it was obvious that God was doing a work in them, and they were becoming more and more sensitive to the presence of God.



When they sang the song "How Great is Our God" Joshua had a vision, he saw everyone in Heaven worshipping the Father. Joshua said, *"The Father was receiving our worship, and it moved Him. When I saw that vision, I knew in my heart that many of the kids were having visions also."*

After worship, he explained to them that often, as we have our eyes closed in worship, God will show us things. He then asked them, "Who here saw something while you had your eyes closed during worship? I was overwhelmed by their response". Nearly half of the group answered back and said that God had shown them visions during worship. They were very excited. Several of the kids saw angels. One girl saw us in another place, and angels flying around us. She said the angels were happy. Another boy saw Angels standing around us joining with us in worship. They had trumpets and they were so happy to be worshipping God with us. Someone else described a street in Heaven with mansions made of gold and silver.



The memory verse we taught the children today is Acts 1:8, *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

Thank You, to all our friends and partners. If you have supported, the ministry through prayer or financially, you are a critical part of what we do. We would not be here without you. We honor you and thank you. We know that your reward is greater than you realize right now.

In November, we began serving our 11th year in The Philippines. So much has happened in that time however, it seems much of it was to prepare us for what is ahead. I truly believe we are on the edge of something very big that the Lord wants to do in The Philippines and I believe around the world also.

Recently we had some friends visit us from the USA. It was their first time to visit The Philippines, I think it may have been their first time out of North America. It was an eye opener for them. It helped remind me of the way we saw things when we first came. A first missions' trip can be life changing. Their hearts were touched by the people here and we enjoyed their fellowship, it was a good time for all of us.

The kids wanted to take our guest to another city to enjoy the ocean and meet some good friends we know there. They are part of a great church in that city, with some wonderful on fire youth. While they were there, they visited a hospital to pray for the sick. Alianna was with her friend from the USA and another lady as they saw a mother and newborn baby. They learned from the mother that the baby had a hole in its heart and a bacterial infection. The doctor told the mother it would be a miracle if the baby lived. The mother said that she is believing for a miracle. They knew this was a God setup and they were there to come into agreement with the mother. Alianna then saw an angel standing behind the baby and she sensed that the angel was keeping the baby alive. They prayed for the baby and then went on to pray for others. Last night, we received word that the baby is being released from the hospital today and there is no more hole in the heart. Hallelujah!

We often feed kids that are hungry here, which is important, a study two years ago reported that 33% of the kids in The Philippines are stunted in their growth because of malnutrition. However, there are other things that come up during the day also. The kids here know we care about them so if they have a problem, we hear about it. We hear about many different things including if a father comes home drunk and beats his wife and sometimes the kids also. We hear from them about who is stealing, who got in a fight, and other things they suffer or want to share with us.

Yesterday, this boy (right) came and the first thing he wanted to show me was where a dog bit him the day before (below). We often feed him and take care of his wounds. He is from a very poor family.



A couple months ago he came with his mother. He had put a ring on his finger and could not get it off. He somehow squeezed it more and it was dangerously tight. The mother took him to a clinic here in our small town, which is really not much of a medical facility. They looked at it and told them that there was

nothing they could do they would need to go to a hospital. The hospital is over an hour and a half away by bus. They did not have a way to get there since they had no money for travel. So, they came to us. This was a challenging situation because his finger was very swollen and was starting to get blueish.



We talked about what to do and prayed for him and for wisdom from God for us. We thought of different tools we could use but it was difficult because it was so tight. God gave Joshua wisdom about a tool that could work. He tried it and after awhile he was able to cut through the metal. It was really with the help of God because it was so tight. On the right his finger now, he is ok but the scar from the ring is still visible.





The boy on the left often has wounds that we treat. I think he gets mosquito bites and then scratches them and they get infected (right). The kids also swim in the river here which, is not too clean. We treat them, and they get better, usually in two or three days. Skin issues are an ongoing problem here especially foot fungus issues.



In November, we had some extra expenses and we also have some extra expenses in December; including our internet hosting and domain renewals for the Internet ministry. That alone is over \$700 US dollars. It is a once a year expense. We are in a tight situation financially, currently. This is unusual for December when there is usually an increase in giving. However, we are not worried we know that the Lord always provides, one way or another.

Since we have been experiencing price increases over the last few months our survival cost of living has increased a lot. We are prayerful and watchful about the situation. We know the Lord has a plan, we are always seeking to do His will. Thank you for standing with us. We pray for the Lord to bless you and your family in greater ways than you can imagine.

I never stop giving thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the perception of your mind may be enlightened so you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the glorious riches of His inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power to us who believe, according to the working of His vast strength. (Ephesians 1:16-19)

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