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But the Holy Spirit convinces us that we have received by faith the glorious righteousness of the Anointed One. When you're placed into the Anointed One and joined to him, circumcision and religious obligations can benefit you nothing. All that matters now is living in the faith that is activated and brought to perfection by love. (Galatians 5:5-6 The Passion Translation)

Dear Friends and Partners,

I want to send a heart felt thank you to our faithful supporters. We thank God for you and pray His blessing on you and those you love. For those who have given recently, it is much appreciated and is much needed. For those who send support monthly we are always thankful. I'm sorry I have not had the time to send a personal thank you which I know you deserve. The summertime in the US seems to be a time when giving goes down for ministries, everyone is busy, and it is also a time for traveling. We are currently at a low point financially.

I have been thinking a lot about how love and trust are connected. Jesus says that the one who keeps His word is the one who loves Him. Everything in the Word is about faith. It is by believing God that the promises are activated. *Without trusting, it is impossible to be well pleasing to God, because whoever approaches Him must trust that He does exist and that He becomes a Rewarder to those who seek Him out. (Heb 11:6 CJB)* The Complete Jewish Bible replaces the word faith with trust. The things we go through in life seem to always take us into greater trust and rest in Him, complete dependence.

In other versions it says *He is a rewarder of those who **diligently seek** Him*. The word for diligently seek means to *seek to see, or desire to see*. This is a key thing because Jesus meets us in our heart at the point of our desires. Even if you do not have faith, if you desire to have the faith of God, He will give it to you.

Hope and love will follow where there is faith. Abraham believed God and it was counted to Him for righteousness. We all face times in life where things seem to not be going the way they should. These are times of learning and times of faith building as we learn to rest in trusting Him. A baby learns to trust the parent, by having their needs met, before they experience love.

In the Philippines it is rainy season. I can not complain about our rainy season so far. Even though it started early and has been intense at times we are getting sun breaks, sometimes it is even hot like summer. This is good news for the very poor who often have a hard time staying dry in rainy season. When we have heavy rains, we have more kids coming to ask for food because their parents cannot work.

A few nights ago, we were experiencing some heavy rains and it had been raining for a while before that, so the ground was saturated. In a nearby city they had some flash flooding and the expressway entrance was closed for one night. During the heavy rain our old cement block fence on one side of our property collapsed. In the Philippines you need a fence for security.

It has been difficult to figure out an easy way to deal with this. We are used to trying to find temporary solutions to take care of immediate needs. Filipinos are good at that, it helps survival. We may try to put a bamboo fence as a border for the moment. However, the proper way to fix it would be to replace the wall which is difficult and expensive because the lower part of the wall is a retaining wall.



This picture shows part of the wall. The bottom part of the wall is a retaining wall for the property. In the

picture below you can see a red pole which holds our electric line, coming into the house. Which makes this even more complicated. Once again, we are wondering if we need to sell this place. As I mentioned before it is getting more difficult and expensive to maintain.



What is always in our mind is, if we leave here what about the kids here? The property has great potential, even commercial possibilities. We would like to come up with a way to sustain the ministry without having to rely on donations.

The girl on the right is holding some Macopa



fruit from a tree we have. When there is fruit the kids come to eat it. Macopa is hard to explain, but it is kind of like an apple, but does not taste like one, it is more sour and tart.

In the last newsletter I mentioned this little girl from a very poor family who can not walk. Her brother was taking her around in a toy stroller. The girl can stand up, but she cannot walk. She also has a big tummy, not sure what that is from. We will urge the mother to take her to the clinic. Please join us in praying for her and all the other kids in need here.

In other news, if you are connected on social media you may have heard that our kids are starting to publish their songs and music. You can check them out at <https://www.youtube.com/c/ShavahMusic>. We are obviously very proud of them and continue to be amazed at their spiritual maturity. God is doing something truly amazing in this generation. They are working on some other songs also, which are written, but it is a lot of work to record and get them out. They also need some equipment.

Everything that happens here in The Philippines and around the world through God.net I give thanks to God for His goodness, and at the same time I am so thankful for you. He uses people working together to make things happen. Thank you for responding to His voice.

Concerning Shavah Music, we could use some extra funds for a good keyboard and some sound equipment. We also need a good computer for editing audio and video.

Thank you for standing with us. The Lord bless you and your family with His shalom.

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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