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For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are **complete** in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. (Colossians 2:9-10 NKJV)

Dear friends and partners:

Yesterday a pastor we work with in The Philippines texted me that he had a dream the night before where I came to him and read him the passage above, Colossians 2:9-10. I thought that was interesting because the Lord has been speaking to me about what it means to be "in Christ". The word **complete** means to be **filled up** it is the same word for **filled** in Ephesians 3:19, *to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.* It is from a position in Christ that we receive everything we need to be made complete in Him. We know that Christ lives in us but the body of Christ is coming into a greater revelation of what it means to be in Him. I believe in Christ is the secret place of the most High talked about in Psalm 91. As we learn to become conscious of being safe in Christ we will always be able to take refuge in Him no matter what we face on earth and there we will be made full from His fullness.

I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."... Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. (Psalms 91:2-11 NKJV)

We have a prayer request for us and many others in The Philippines. For the last two weeks we have been getting too much rain. There is a big cloud of rain, like a storm, off the west coast of the main Island of The Philippines and it has been there for two weeks dumping rain every day. We have had four typhoons pass over the top of The Philippines and go into Taiwan and China. The fourth is hitting the main land of China now. Some how the typhoons may be causing the big storm off our coast to be stationary. I always watch the satellite images to see what to expect from the weather because the weather news is confusing and very inaccurate. But I have never seen a big storm just stay in one place so long. It is actually strange because there is air moving all around it from different directions at different times and the weather changes around it but this storm stays in place. We are now at a critical point. In Manila there is mass flooding, the main dam is overflowing and multitudes are suffering, especially the poor and those in shanty house neighborhoods. Schools and businesses are closed and over 50 people have died so far.

We just received a text from a good pastor friend of ours in a city near us asking for prayer because the city is flooded and water is entering their house. We also just received a text from our Pastors who we help support in a northern province and they too are in flood danger. In fact if you remember a few years ago, in 2009, there was a major dam which had to do an emergency opening of flood gates because the water was so high the dam was in danger of breaking. It is a very big dam the second largest in Asia it released a wall of water on thousands of people in the low-lying farm lands below. What made it worse is that it was unannounced and without any warning to the people. You can see our newsletter at that time at

<http://www.seekgod.org/newsletters/20091015.pdf>. Anyway that area is in big flood danger again as the dams are full and they have opened some flood gates. This time they have warned the people to expect flooding. As I am writing I just received another text, from a friend in the largest city close to us he said the city is flooded and the water is over people's heads in several parts of the city. There is much suffering already and the rain continues.



We are now focused back on water damage control as our immediate priority. We have improved the security issue for now. I did not think we are in danger of flooding here. But, my son just came home and said the river, about one block from our house, is high and the concrete walls on the sides of the river are breaking up. Erosion has claimed one house and another is about to go down the river. The good thing is we are close to the ocean, the river empties into the ocean it can not get too high, I hope. However, we are experiencing water damage at the Transformation Center from so much rain. We have not been able to do the repairs needed on the roof and drain system because we do not have the funds to do anything at this time.

Left- This is the view outside at the Transformation Center currently as more rain continues to pour down.

Below, the river near us is much higher than normal but I think we are safe.

Our van has been in the repair shop for two weeks also. It needs a transmission which is about \$1200 US dollars. We do not have the money and if we did it may not be wise to put more money into it because it is difficult to start and may have some other major things wrong. A lack of transportation greatly hinders us and the ministry here. This time we can not help bring flood relief to people. We had to rent a car to go to a church about 90 minutes away on Sunday because I was scheduled to speak there. Car rental is also expensive.





As the rainy season progresses and the weather gets worse people are in more severe poverty. The area where we do Kingdom Celebration on Saturday's is a poor area. Many of the kids we know there and have helped feed them during hard times. Now that we are at the Transformation Center more often, and it is difficult for us to travel, some of the kids have become more desperate. A few have begun going into the city to beg so they can get food. They have to ride two Jeepeny's to get to the city and it takes 30 to 45 minutes. These kids are small and we

know the dangers of the streets so we knew that we had to help them. Then two of them showed up at our gate at the Transformation Center begging us to let them live here. **Above** The boy and girl on the left are brother and sister. The boy on the right asked us at Kingdom Celebration if he could stay with us. His family is very poor and he would often go hungry and was not able to go to school. So we have three kids at this time. There are others who are asking to come here but we are not able to handle too many. We do not have the staff and there is a lot of work needed on the building. **Left** going to the first day of school from the Transformation Center, the schools are close by.



Below is a picture of our three kids and the three new kids. Their ages are from left to right are: 11, 10, 12, 12, 9, 11. You can see the size difference. Imagine the two on the left traveled by themselves for two hours to get to the Transformation Center. They rode two jeepeny's and one bus to get there.



We have been getting prayer requests from the USA about the drought and fires that are happening. We are also praying for the USA and that the Lord would send rain to the places in need. Pray for us to get a break from the rain and some dry air to let the waters recede so people can recover. Thank you for your prayers.

Goals

1. More monthly support for the ministry, to be able to continue remodeling and repairing the Transformation center Buildings; to prepare for more kids, also to be able to do more outreaches, and expand the Internet ministry.
2. \$23,000 US dollars for a Toyota 15 Passenger van, our current van is a 1994 Toyota that is not usable at this time. We currently are without our own transportation.
3. \$35,000 USD to purchase the farm lot behind the Transformation Center to grow fruits and vegetables for the ministry and for possible income.
4. Funds for remodeling the Transformation Center we possibly need \$50,000 USD for completion but we can work in stages as funds become available. We need \$10,000 to make the buildings able to handle the monsoon rains and prevent more damage.

We are so thankful for the Lord's provision and we are so thankful for YOU. All of you who have prayed for us and given financially to help us get this far, THANK YOU! We know that the Lord sends very special people to help in this ministry. The Lord is the one building the Transformation Center; He is the One producing fruit in the lives of people as each of us cooperate with Him. We love you, and pray God's blessings on you and your family; Gary, Suzzhette, and Kids

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As it is written: "HE HAS DISPERSED ABROAD, HE HAS GIVEN TO THE POOR; HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God. (2nd Cor. 9:9-12)

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