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The poor and afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; they shall praise the Lord--they who [diligently] seek for, inquire of and for Him, and require Him [as their greatest need]. May your hearts be quickened now and forever! All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow down and worship before You, For the kingship and the kingdom are the Lord's, and He is the ruler over the nations. (Psalms 22:26-28 AMP)

Dear friends and partners,

It is hot in The Philippines and has been the last couple of months. The summer or dry season is March through May. Many people are affected by the heat and some places are suffering drought.



On the left is a picture of three brothers that we have staying with us at the Transformation Center. *Note, the picture is distorted to protect identities.* We have known them for several years and are very familiar with them and the things they suffer. They mostly survive on their own because of their family situation. They often go hungry, sometimes not eating for two days. On a normal day they may only eat once or twice where they live. Considering all they have been through they are actually pretty good kids. The older one is in another Christian program that we were able to get him into. He stays there during the school year and will return after the summer break. We can see that it is making a positive difference in his life.

These kids have a fear of us leaving The Philippines because we are like a safety net for their care and survival. We try to assure them that we have no plans to leave but ultimately God their

Father is the One really caring for them. He is the One who sent us here. Of course, this would not be possible without you are friends and partners in the ministry. On behalf of them and those whose lives we touch with God's love, Thank You!

The other thing that has been hot in The Philippines is we just went through elections on May 9th, yesterday our time. At least 10 people died across the Philippines in election day violence. However, authorities described the violence as isolated incidents and that the overall conduct of

the elections was peaceful. There were the usual assassinations of a few candidates during the campaigns but only in city elections, such as mayoral positions. It has been peaceful for the most part, so far, and we pray that will continue.

The exit polls seem to confirm that Duterte will be the new president. The angry fist picture on the right is his symbol. His campaign promise is that if he wins "*it will be bloody*". His promise is to wipe out crime with death squads throughout the country that will execute people without trial, as he has done as mayor of Davao City. We do need to recognize that the Philippines has entered a new season of change and we do not know how that will play out. You may have heard some news about Duterte. The media likes to call him the "Donald Trump" of the Philippines. The truth is the only thing they have in common is that the voters in both countries are responding in frustration to the current governments. That is where the similarity ends. When it comes to comparing the policies and character of the two men they are like night and day, there is no comparison.



I really do not like to discuss politics, especially in a ministry newsletter. However, you need to know this has been an unusual election and situation. There are many variables as to how the country will be affected. We are asking for your prayers, for us and the nation.

We are focused on living in and advancing the Kingdom of God. However, we do need to be wise and recognize the times we are living in. The Bible says to pray for those in authority and that is what we do. We pray that the peace of God and His righteousness will reign in The Philippines, the USA and other nations.

Besides dealing with the heat and the political situation, we could also use more financial support. Currently we are limited in what we are able to do. It seems this time of year can be tough for ministries. We are forever thankful to you who continue to support the ministry 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.

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