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Grace and peace to you from the One who is, who was, and who is coming; from the seven spirits before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has set us free from our sins by His blood, and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—the glory and dominion are His forever and ever. Amen. (Rev 1:4-6)

Dear Friends and Partners

As I am writing this newsletter it is November 6, 2018 in The Philippines. We are 12 hours ahead of USA East Coast time, 8 AM Tuesday here is 8 PM Monday night in New York. Basically, that means we are on the opposite side of the world. For the USA, this will soon be the day people vote in the mid-term elections. The world is watching the USA. The direction America goes affects the whole world. Whether you are living in the USA, or not, you know that what happens in the USA affects you. The culture of the USA is a trend setter in cultures and governments around the world. History proves this can be either for good or bad. I truly believe there is a major spiritual awakening happening around the world and is especially taking hold in the USA right now.

I believe we are about to see a red tsunami. I am not talking about a political party or even the President. This is beyond that, although God is certainly using those things. The Lord uses those who desire to do His will. I believe this red tsunami is symbolic of the blood of Jesus Christ washing over America as He takes back the nation that was dedicated to Him in the beginning. There is a Great Awakening happening. I told our kids this morning you are so blessed to be a part of this generation you are living in a time where we are seeing Heaven influence Earth in ways the world has not experienced before, and this is just the beginning.

My mind keeps going back to Christmas time 1996, the first time I came to The Philippines. I was a very naïve, sheltered, American. If you grow up in a more rural region of the USA it is like growing up in a bubble protected by the outside world. You see images of the outside world on TV, but they do not seem real when you are looking at them from inside the bubble. My first day on the streets of Manila changed my perspective, which always changes your life.

I had never experienced poverty like that before. Hundreds of people, actually thousands, were living along the streets. If they had any shelter it was some scraps of wood or cardboard; sometimes a blanket would be used to make a lean-to. The people were squatters, surviving the best they could. They came to the big city in search of a better life. Many times, it was whole families with mother, father, kids and sometimes a grandparent. It was Christmas. I had candy to give out to the kids and Bible tracts, that had comic style pictures. The people, especially the kids were so thrilled to get these simple gifts. They thanked me over and over again, the parents thanked me, everyone thanked me. I learned how to say *Jesus loves you* and *thank Jesus* in their language.

I was so surprised by their appreciation. I knew the kids here were more thankful for a piece of candy than the Kids in the USA who had just received the latest video game. This led to the first of two major revelations about the USA I had on this trip. These people were just like me, they were me. The only difference between me and them is I was born in the USA. Wow, I had taken so much for granted in my life and been so unthankful and even unaware of what a great blessing it is to be a United States citizen.

That night when I got back to the hotel room, I literally laid on the floor and wept. I repented to God for being unthankful and taking so many blessings in my life for granted. It was a Great Awakening for me.

The second revelation came a day or two later. A friend from the Bible League told me that while in Manila I should visit the American cemetery. I thought, *why would I want to visit a cemetery*, and I had no intention of doing so. However, one day a taxi driver was showing me around Manila and as we pulled into a long driveway, he announced to me this is the American cemetery.

As we were coming into the cemetery grounds, I became overwhelmed at the site. A sea of white crosses as far as the eye could see filled the landscape. They continued along a road, which made a large circle and eventually came to the monument area. As we were driving past thousands of crosses for the first time in my life, I truly understood the cost of freedom. The price of freedom is blood.

I have many times watched TV shows that showed scenes from World War II and the Vietnam War. That may be the reason why my mind began to visualize scene after scene of men lying on the ground bleeding and dying in battle, some on the beaches, some in the countryside, and some in the cities. I was overwhelmed. I felt that this is sacred ground.

The scene of so many crosses was also a reminder of the One who bled and died upon a cross that we all might be free. The scene of Jesus bleeding on the cross is a moment frozen in eternity that affects everything in the universe. *He rescued us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:13-14)*

Think about how many countries the United States has sent their soldiers to fight for. How many Americans have shed their blood and died in foreign lands. All of this, not to conquer the land, but always to fight for the freedom of that nation and ultimately for the continued freedom that Americans experience.

We live in Bataan province of The Philippines. Great battles were fought here in World War II against the Japanese. This is also the place where the Bataan death march took place. The small town where we live is the last place where the US Army made a Calvary charge on horse back against the Japanese who had overrun the town. The commander gave the call and they charged, down our road and across the bridge near our house, into the town to engage the enemy soldiers. Some of the battle took place in swampy water near the ocean. They won that battle. However, soon after that McArthur left The Philippines and the Japanese overran the country.

God does not overlook the price of blood paid for freedom. Because freedom always means freedom to proclaim the Gospel, freedom to hear the Gospel and freedom to live the Gospel. You cannot separate freedom from Jesus Christ, He is freedom. *Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed, (John 8:36)*. Ultimately, a Great Awakening is a spiritual awakening of the reality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Great Awakenings are preceded by darkness and despair. In the darkness the Holy Spirit of God begins to move causing the situation to change. People begin to have hope in God and in the world around them. When God says let there be light a Great Awakening happens. When the people can see they can easily discern between the darkness and the light, no more living in the dismal grey zone of confusion.

The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. (Genesis 1:2-4)

The most important thing about a Great Awakening is the Great Awakening that happens in you. *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 rises in your hearts. (2nd Peter 1:18-19)*.

A Great Awakening is when a city, society, or nation is radically touched and changed by God. However, the Holy Spirit accomplishes this by working from inside individuals as they awaken to Christ in them the Hope of Glory.

Although we are focused on the USA in this crucial time for the nation, life goes on in The Philippines. We had another typhoon hit The Philippines recently. However, we saw it go from a category 5 super typhoon down to a category 2 in just a day, right before it came ashore, this even while it was still over warm water. I

believe intercessors in the Philippines are making a difference. God is moving in response to the prayers of His people around the world. We are very thankful because this one went through the country much closer to us than the previous one. We had about 12 hours of some wind and rain but nothing too major. Generally, the weather is much better now, we are out of the main part of rainy season. Typhoons will continue to be less common as we approach December. This is a nice time of year here, not too hot, not too rainy.

This morning we had a few hungry kids show up, as usual. The girl on the right likes to see when we are coming to let her in. It makes her happy because she knows we will feed her. She came with an older sister.



We fed them and as you can see it is a beautiful day here. They hung out for a while. They like it here, I think they feel safe and they sense the peace of God. Life is not easy for them at times. Yesterday their other sister came. She had found some sun glasses and was wearing a John Lennon t-shirt. I am sure she has no idea who that is. On the right Joshua and Shekinah leading worship before a Bible study.



Thank you partners for your continued support. As we get extra funds beyond our needed survival support, we are doing some much-needed maintenance and repairs. We must do things in priority order however our list of needs is growing. We are now waiting for the Lord to provide for some extra expenses that we have this month. We know He has a plan, we are always seeking to do His will. We pray for the Lord to bless you and your family in greater ways than you can imagine.

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*Grace and peace be multiplied to you from God, our Father
and Jesus our Lord.*

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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)