

Dear Friends and Partners:

I know it has been way too long since my last update. So much has happened I am not sure where to begin. In the last email we had just learned about the little boy who had the appendicitis. He is fine. They did surgery and he quickly recovered. The mother, the boy, and some siblings came to visit us soon after he got out of the hospital. They are very thankful for the prayers and know that God answered them.



**This is the boy who had the appendicitis operation. He is showing the bandage that covers his scar. His mother, grandmother, and siblings are also in the picture; along with Suzzhette, our kids, and Albert.**

The van is repaired from the damage of the accident with the bus, and we are driving it. It cost about \$1000 for the repairs and we still have not been able to get the bus company to reimburse us. They admit responsibility and the police record says they are at fault but so far they seem to be stalling at covering our cost. Pray about this with us, we could really use the money.

Our pastor's wife, who had TB and was coughing up a lot of blood, is continuing to recover. She is at home and continuing the treatments. We visited them a couple of weeks ago and she is up and walking around. She is still kind of weak and very thin, but she seemed to feel well. They are poor and my guess is that she is still not getting enough

nutrition. My heart goes out to them because of their sacrifice and dedication to the ministry. We were able to help them a little bit, the best we can given our current tight budget situation. They are very thankful for all the prayers of everyone. They know that the Lord really touched her in a situation that looked dire at one point.

**This is Pastor Jess his wife Rowena and two of their children. This was taken about two years ago when Rowena was in better health. They also have added a baby girl to their family since then.**



They live about three hours from us now. The new expressway is open and it saves about two hours driving time to go there. The express way is a beautiful drive that cuts through the country side and farms. It is a great blessing to the Philippines and to us. It is the longest expressway in the country and provides a way for us to go north to the Clark airport and south to Manila, as it connects with an expressway that was built previously.

The Philippines is making the Clark airport into the premier international airport of the country and we are only 30 minutes from it now, because of the new expressway. This will make it easy for us to travel from here throughout the Philippines and to other countries in the future. Three countries the Lord has put on our heart and provided many connections to already are Pakistan, India, and Vietnam. They are a part of our long term vision of ministering in other parts of Asia. We believe that the future ease of international travel is one of

many reasons the Lord brought us to this specific location.

We felt the Lord leading us to have a Friday night service at our place; which we started in March. We call it Friday Fellowship. Our vision is that this would become a time for the body of Christ to come together, seek the Lord in worship, and minister to one another. We want it to be a Holy Spirit led service. It also provides a time to disciple new believers in the Lord. We want people to grow in the Lord and use their spiritual gifts to edify each other with the New Testament model that is given in the scriptures.



About that same time Suzzette felt called to start a kid's ministry here. It kind of developed from neighborhood kids coming here. Now every Saturday morning we do a children's program at our place. We call it Kingdom Kids. We teach them about living in God's kingdom, now. We also have praise and worship, and prayer. The kids like it a lot. There is a core group that is very faithful and you can see the calling of the God on them at an early age. When we taught them about worship we were amazed and delighted at how quickly they entered in.

The season we have been in since my last update I would call our season of establishing our base of operation. When we first moved to the place we live it seemed that the Lord positioned us in a place that was void of strong believers in the Lord. We visited many churches in the region; some were good, but we were looking for a place where God was moving in a similar way that we experienced in the US, which we did not find in our area. However, I know some pastors in Manila whose churches are experiencing revival. I am hearing some awesome testimonies from them.



**Kingdom Kids Program**

We are so thankful to you who are praying for us. We know that it is the key to every success we have here. Every day we see evidence of your prayers and we feel them. Every time I sense God's protection or when we are ministering to someone and I can see God touching their heart, I think about you.

We also knew that we needed to connect with prayer warrior people here. We think of you as our prayer air force and I knew that we needed ground troops here that would also join with us in contending for the glory of God to be revealed in this place. Right after we started to pray for connections to prayer warriors here we met a group of praying women who are part of a ministry in another area.

We invited them to our place. When they came we had an awesome prayer session for the ministry here and the properties God has given us. Four times we have seen the Lord answer our prayer sessions with a heavy down pour of rain along with lightening and thunder. Three of the times have been when we had our pastors who we oversee meet here. The fourth time was when the prayer women came. These sudden storms did not appear until we were praying each time. The storms raged while we were praying and subsided when we were done. Sometimes the thunder seemed timed to our declarations like there were changes happening in the atmosphere. I believe there was.

We continued to pray that the Lord would let us meet people in our immediate area that we could connect with in regular prayer support and agreement. Remembering that every time I have come to the Philippines in the past it seemed that I met people for whom I seemed to be an answer to a prayer they were praying at that time. Knowing that God is a great dispatcher who connects people

for His glory I began to ask the Lord, "show us who prayed us here". In my mind I thought maybe there was an elderly person living in a cave in the mountains that loves the Lord and prayed us to this place.

We were surprised and so thankful to finally connect with a small church that has some awesome prayer warriors, including the pastor. They happened to be very near us and we are not sure why it took us about three months to connect with them. Maybe the Lord wanted us to visit many churches in the region so we could get a good idea of what is happening here spiritually. Anyway, they are an awesome group that we feel a very deep heart connection with. They are hungry for more of God and readily receive the things that we have learned and brought with us.

About the third Sunday we attended the church they came to our house after church. When they arrived at our place they told me that as they were walking to our place that day they were discussing how they had been praying for the Lord to send someone to help them. They definitely believe we are the answer to their prayers. We also know they are God's answer to our prayers. We have a spiritual partnership with the church in working together for the glory of the Lord. It gave us an instant ministry team and prayer partners on the front lines.

The people in the church are very poor like most all of the people in our local area. However, they are dedicated and love the Lord. The church is called Family Christian. We felt an immediate connection when we first attended. Surprisingly for their size they have a good worship band, although some instruments are falling apart. They also have a good core group of young people. All the people in the church know how to pray, young and old. The church has a one day a month prayer and fasting and also one night a month over night prayer.

When we first came to the church they were a very small group, maybe about 20 to 30 at most; about half are kids. The room they were renting was only about 25' long and 16' wide. They had been having services in that room for more than 10 years. Immediately when we began to attend the church it grew. We seemed to bring new life into the congregation. Soon it was quite obvious the room they occupied was no longer big enough.

I felt that we were to offer them our place to have Sunday services. We have a space that is like a covered court yard area connected to our house that we use for meetings. It was one of the main

things about the house that I knew would be very useful for ministry. In fact when I first looked at the house it was the first thing that really caught my attention and I pictured in my mind the space being used as a gathering place.



**This is the room where the church met for over ten years.**

The pastor and people prayed for some time before they made the decision to move the services to our place. I like that. Even though it was logical they wanted to make sure it was a God idea. Then when they made the decision they came here every day for seven days and prayed for our place and for God to bring revival here. The first Sunday that we had the service here more than 90 people attended. We ran out of chairs and pretty much filled our place up.

When I looked out at the people worshipping God I remembered standing out in the driveway of this place, before we purchased it, and looking into the empty courtyard and in my mind seeing what I was now seeing in reality. It is awesome to see visions the Lord has given us coming to reality. We still have a long way to go but we are seeing mile post along the way that show us we are on the right track and God is at work.

The presence of God has been wonderful in the services. They are working with us on the Friday service also. In May we had VBS, Vacation Bible School at our place for a week. We had about 50 kids and it made a big impact on them. On Saturday we had their graduation and invited the parents. The parents and grandparents who came were also touched by seeing the kids worshipping God and seeing what the kids learned. The church before that had not had VBS for several years because they did not have the resources or location to do it.



**VBS at our place**

One of the kids that came to VBS is named Jason. He is 11 but he does not look like it or have the mentality of being 11. I think he has a kind of autism. Anyway he was well received at the VBS all the kids and teachers treated him with love. The first day everyone gathered around him and prayed for him and he began to respond to people more. He even began to talk a little bit. One day I said good morning to him and he said good morning back to me, it was like a break through and the first time I had heard him speak; even though he always responds with a big smile when you smile at him. He came every day with a younger brother and a sister who is 14 years old.



**Shekinah just turned 5, Jason is 11 years old**

We found out that Jason's 14 year old sister is pregnant. Yes, we have all the same problems here as in the US and much more so. I was really grieved when I learned about it. Anyway, the girl and her mother came to our house one night after the VBS. They wanted to borrow money for kerosene which they use to light their home. We can't loan or give money here. We don't know

what they may really do with it and we want to teach people God is their source not us. We do share food for anyone that is hungry and we gave some candles to them for light but no money.

While they were here Suzzhette and her aunt, who is a pastor, were able to talk with them. The mother began to pour out her heart. Soon tears were flowing. They led them to the Lord and the mother and daughter received Jesus. You could really see the light come inside of them. We prayed for them and even prayed for the baby and the father, a 17 year old from another area. We are seeing God do a work in the family.

We have been without internet connection for some time, until now. We had a demo internet account for a while which was ok. One of our plans was to use technology to bring an accelerated edification to ministry workers in the Philippines. Some equipment we brought with us and our internet connection provides an opportunity for that. Once again it is great to see another of our visions happening here.

The demo account expired in May and we were not able to get the full account because our government approval was not completed for the organization. We need this because the internet company only gives high speed internet service to corporate accounts. We have had to travel to Manila a few times to work on our SEC approval here.

We now have our SEC approval. However, in the meantime an alternative internet service with a different company became available. They just installed some new equipment on the mountain behind us. We applied for an account and have now began using the new service. It works and is fast enough to meet our needs at this time. Good internet service is vital to us for so many reasons and especially for the internet ministry which continues to reach between 2000 and 3000 people each day around the world through our web sites. Testimonies continue to come from that ministry.

When I got reconnected to the Internet I downloaded over 1000 emails. Most of them from our internet ministry but also some are from our friends and partners. Hopefully this update will answer some of your questions and I also have a list of people I need to respond to personally, thank you for your patience.

Some of you have come to us through the SeekGod.org web site. The site is a blessing to you but you are wondering what the Internet ministry has to do with what we are doing in the

Philippines. The answer is it has everything to do with it. The Philippines is the place where my revelations of God's love began and continue. The articles at the web site have often been inspired by experiences I have had in the Philippines.

It is hard to teach it if you have not lived it. I need to have contact with people in which I can experience the love of God flowing from the throne of grace through me to them. For me and our family at this time The Philippines is the place the Lord has chosen for this. I feel God's compassion for the people.

I have learned much since we came here and God's love is sometimes exploding inside of me bringing new revelation. There are more articles coming for the web site of revelations the Lord is giving me. The more I learn the more I believe love is the unified field that Einstein theorized and was looking for. I will just say for now that I believe that love, light, and life are all the same thing in different forms. Where there is love, there is light (revelation), and life. The Lord is continuing to show me things about this and it will hopefully become an article on the web site.

There are many strategic reasons why the Lord has chosen this place for us. Part of the vision of coming to the Philippines is to expand and increase the internet ministries and their outreach to the nations. The place we are located is between two Mountains which both have communications towers. I knew we would soon have the wireless internet technology we need for internet development. It took longer than I thought it would but we have it now. We also know that we can get more cost effective technical help for web site development and improvement here. The Philippines has many educated and gifted people whose talents are often sought in other countries.

The new banner we are using at the top of the news letter was designed and donated to us by a Filipino brother in Christ who is working abroad in Dubai. We are very thankful to him and he is a blessing to us. The cost of labor in the Philippines is lower and that allows us to get more help than we could in the US.

So for all of the Internet ministry people rest assured that we are here to expand and improve the Internet sites.

The Seek God web site will continue to be a major focus for us but we also are hoping to develop some other domains that we own. They have great ministry potential and we have clear vision for two of them. We believe they will be great blessings to

people and will help them grow in their relationship with Jesus. We continue to believe that the Internet is the most cost effective communications tool that the Lord has given the church and we are blessed to be a part of that.

In the Philippines they have summer, or dry season, and rainy season. Summer is from March through May and rainy season starts in June. The summer here was really hot along with the humidity. The electricity went out often and sometimes for all day. Rainy season came a month early this year and actually started in the end of April. I was happy about that. Even in rainy season we get plenty of sun but it is a little cooler when the clouds and rain come.

The heavy rains water the thirsty rainforest which is near us. This place is really beautiful when everything is green. Of course rainy season can sometimes bring in the big storms and they expect about 20 typhoons to hit the Philippines this rainy season. We are in fairly safe place and we feel God's protection surrounding us.

You may have heard about typhoon Fengshen we just had a few days ago. It was actually not a very powerful typhoon, as far as typhoons go anyway, it was only a category 1 in our area. However, south of us in the central Philippines it was a category 2. Even that is not usually considered a major devastating storm but in the Philippines so many people live in vulnerable locations and in houses that are easily destroyed. Many people did suffer and are suffering greatly from this typhoon.

Over 1000 people were killed by the typhoon, most of them on a ferry boat that was carrying passengers to another island. Over 800 were killed when the ferry capsized. Some people lost many members of their family in the tragedy. Ferries are a very common and cheap source of transportation between the islands. They are often overcrowded and from time to time they can be a source of tragedy here.

The typhoon hit us on Sunday morning. I was surprised that 30 to 40 people showed up here for church in spite of the weather. By the time the service was over the rain and wind was pretty heavy. We had everyone stay here and we fed them lunch and waited for a break in the weather. Later in the afternoon everyone was able to make it home safely.

The cities do not drain well so Manila and other cities have areas that become flooded when the rains are heavy. One boy told me at church Sunday "the rats and cockroaches will be

swimming in Olongapo". That is the nearest city to us. Also many people live in squatter areas in Manila and other cities in houses that are easily destroyed by typhoons.

Many people also live in areas that become like flood plains when it rains a lot. The typhoon lasted for about 24 hours here. We got a lot of rain and since then it has been raining a lot for the last few days. There are some large areas north and east of us that may be flooding now, I am concerned for the people in those areas.

It is Friday morning here, as I was writing this we just received some sad news. Three young girls just came to our place, crying, and told us about their relative who just died in the night. The girl who died was only 10 years old, her name was Ailene. We are grieving also and asking God for the lessons in this situation. The girl attended the VBS and also came to Kingdom Kids on Saturday's but they had recently moved away and we did not know that she was back here and we did not know that she was sick. She was taken to the hospital in the night when she was having trouble breathing and died at the hospital. They said she had a heart condition, we did not know about that.



**This is Ailene at the VBS graduation. Pastor Alden is behind her.**

We first met the kids in this family a couple months ago. They were living across the road with their grandmother. The first time I saw them was when I saw the little brother of the girl who died, he was near the road. He is two years old and he has a very severe cleft pallet. I need to be honest and tell you the first time I saw him I turned away. Not because I could not look at the disfigurement but because it happened at a time when I was feeling a little overwhelmed by the needs here and I was feeling concerned about our financial situation. I remember thinking in my mind, "Lord,

he needs medical help but right now even just a medical exam seems too expensive."



**This is Ailene holding her brother John Paul; he has a severe cleft pallet. We are working to get help for him through a program in the Philippines. Joshua and Shekinah are in the picture also.**

I am just being honest. But the Lord kept him in my mind and reminded me that he is a neighbor. I knew I needed to help him the best we can anyway. Then the boy, his sister, and some other girls that are related, came to our house; the same girls who were here crying this morning. No longer could I ignore him he was standing in front of me at our place. I knew God had brought him there and I reached out to him and the other kids. That is when we got to know them and I learned more about their situation.

Their father works in a city some distance from here. The grandmother lives here. Sometimes the mother and the kids would stay here. The mother also attended church here before they had moved. I learned about a program that helps kids with cleft pallets and through the Internet inquired about it. They asked for more information. We talked with the mother and they said yes they wanted our help for the boy. I know that it is important for him to have the surgery while he is still very young. Then they moved back to where the father is working and we had not seen them since that time.

We did not know that Ailene was back here. We just learned that she came to live with the grandmother so the grandmother could take care of her. We did know that the girl had a urinary tract infection a while back and we prayed for her and she got better. We did not know that she was diagnosed with a heart condition at that time and we did not know that she was living here now. I

know there are some important lessons in all this for us about getting to know people better. Sometimes when there are so many people we miss the one we should have been concerned about. I keep hearing in my mind Heidi Baker talking about "the one", "stopping for the one". For those who know Heidi you will know what I am talking about.

The thing that stood out for me about this girl who died was her love for her brother. I remember thinking that even though the boy is suffering from a severe cleft pallet he is blessed to have this sister nurturing him with love. The little boy is actually very smart for two years old and he even talks somehow in spite of his condition. I know that it was the nurturing love from her that helped him to handle his situation so well. I will have to update you with more about this situation later since it is happening now. I promise to update you more often now that we seem to have a reliable Internet connection.



**This Ailene's class for her age group at the VBS. Ailene is the girl on the right side with a pink shirt and light blue pants. I am in the back.**

For those who have been helping us financially thank you, you are sustaining us. I have such a new appreciation for those who give since I get to be here seeing the way the Lord is touching people. Your gifts make it happen. I have always been a giver but I did not really realize before what a great privilege it is to give. Giving really is a great privilege with great rewards and if the giving involves sacrifice it will have greater rewards. If the Lord has been speaking to you about helping us it is because He is calling you to partner with us. We need you to join with us if you have not already.

Giving has eternal rewards; it really is building up treasure in heaven. I know that there are going to be a lot of people giving thanks to a lot of people in heaven who they did not know on earth. The girl who died today may be one. At least we know she heard the gospel, she was here in worship and probably experienced God's presence. We do not know what happened in her heart but when we get to heaven we will know, and you will know. I am looking forward to heaven when all things are known and I get to see you meet the people whose lives were changed because of your giving.

Again, thank you to those who are helping us, and yes we are getting your gifts. They go to our account in the US and then are forwarded to us here on the front lines.

We thank God for you and pray for you always. Also our prayer partners from our partner church here are praying for you also. We love you.

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