



# Seek God Ministries

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*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have **access by faith into this grace in which we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. **Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.** (Romans 5:1-5)*

Dear friends and partners:

On November 1 we will be celebrating five years of working in The Philippines as missionaries; a big milestone for our family and for the people we work with in The Philippines. It is really difficult to summarize our time here. My mind is flooded with memories of the last five years. So much has happened and it has all been a great adventure. There have been many ups and downs. The scriptures above kind of summarize our journey and maybe the journey we are all on. For sure, the Lord has increased our faith, hope, and love over the last five years.

Thinking about the last five years, the one thing that I feel the most is thankful. Thankful to God and thankful to you, the people He called to partner with us. If you have given to the ministry or prayed for us you have played an important part in this ministry.

Besides being so very thankful I also have a sense of destiny. When I look back there is no question in my mind that the Lord has directed our steps. The location the Lord directed us to I now consider being the best possible place in The Philippines for us and for the ministry potential, and for the future. The people the Lord connects us to in The Philippines I also consider to be God's best for us and them. They are a great blessing to us and the ministry. Just by seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the will of God, step by step, the Lord is doing great things.

Sometimes people ask me, "How do you know God's will in making decisions"? I think the first thing is you must really desire to do God's will, He knows your heart and He will direct you. Then through prayer and seeking Him you make the choice that you think He is directing you to do. You do not always know for sure until you are able to look back and see the results. Until then you have to live by faith. There is a process of learning to discern the voice of God through those kinds of decisions and experiences.

We are now able to look back and say this is God at work. At the same time I am so excited about the future because in a way it seems that we have now established the foundations but the best is yet to come. We have learned so much and have had so many experiences which I believe have helped prepare us for what is ahead. Of course we still have to rely on the Lord for guidance and decision making, continuously. However, I believe that all we have been through has somehow been preparing us for what is ahead. In a way it feels like a new beginning but we are not starting from the bottom rather we are standing on all that has been accomplished already.

Rainy season is not so rainy now and we are having some nice sunny days currently. Thank You Jesus! This rainy season was the heaviest rain, and for the most days, since we came to The Philippines. However, again we have much to be thankful for. Several times there were very large and powerful typhoons off the east coast of The Philippines; some were category five, with winds more than 175 mph. But they did not come across The Philippines they usually went north into cooler waters and weakened before hitting Taiwan (several times), China, or Japan. So even though the rainy season has been a hard one it could have been so much worse. God had mercy on The Philippines. There were a couple of times the typhoons went up and around the top of the Philippines and then came back down and went into China. The Philippines did have some widespread flooding and a lot of suffering in places like Manila and other low-lying areas. But all in all considering the number of Typhoons that formed and the strength of them we are thanking God for protection. Rainy season is not over but it does seem to be lessening.

### Before rainy season



As for the Transformation Center, considering the amount of rain we had and the repairs that are still needed, we can say that God really protected the building. Our rain gutter system needs to be fixed because it can overflow into the house at times. We did some creative temporary band-aid work that held surprisingly well. Again, Thank You Lord. However, we did have some damage but not near as bad as it could have been. Every time it was raining hard I was praying that water would not start falling through the first floor roof. But, you can see how hard the rainy season has been by looking at our front gate.

### After rainy season



We had experienced help painting the gate and we thought we were using good quality paint; it certainly was not cheap paint. The weather in The Philippines can be very hard on things. I think the temperature changes, along with the humidity and monsoon rains all have an affect. However, we will be using a different brand of paint next time.

The financial situation we are currently in has prevented us from being able to do any maintenance or repairs to the house for several months. We have been basically surviving and focusing on keeping the ministry going. We are still feeding hungry kids that depend on us. We are also helping 12 poor kids to be able to continue going to school. The students are all doing well; they are motivated and most are in the top of their class. They are kids we know from our Kingdom Celebration ministry.

We determined a long time ago that if we have food we will share with the hungry here. Just last night an elderly lady came and asked for some rice. We know her and her young son, who we also feed often when he comes to our place. They are extremely poor and live in a make-shift shelter near the ocean which is sometimes flooded at high tide. While getting food for her I was just overwhelmed with what a privilege it is to help her. And it is not just us helping her it is you that help us that are helping her also. In heaven you will be able to see and meet all the people you

have helped and encouraged through enabling us to minister. You that help us are a part of all we do; your gifts enable us to do what we do.

As I am writing this my son is witnessing to a girl who is caught in the Iglesia ni Cristo movement, it is a very big cult in The Philippines. They teach their members that only their leaders can interpret the Bible and the members are to believe only what they are taught by the cult. It keeps so many people away from a personal relationship with the Lord, here in The Philippines. We always have so many ministry opportunities here.

The internet ministry continues to receive many testimonies. We just received this from a woman in China. *"Im so bless with reading with your articles i got deepen to know God and learn a lots about words of God and with your explanation."* Found\_by: *"im just seeking some explanation about in the bible then o typing its comes out your explanation on your website. thanks and God Bless you. I hope God continue to used you in this ministry."*

A man in India, *"One of the best Christian site in the world. I am heartly thankful to Jesus Christ and your whole org. You are the best, I think. Thanks A lot"*.

A woman in Texas in the USA, *"I love this site because I want a closer walk with Jesus I don't have any money right now but when I get some I will give you all some, love you in Jesus name"*

A woman in South Africa, *"Godly! The only comment I can give is that God sent me to your web site! Its awesome!"*

A man in The Philippines, *"people like me who are looking for answers to personal problems and who need to know God better this site is very relevant"*

I don't often emphasize it but so many lives are being touched through the internet by Seek God Ministries. We continue to average over 2000 visitors per day to the website. We recently sent out a new article about ["Righteousness"](#) if you are on our email list for updates to the SeekGod.org website then you received the article. Our email list is over 80,000+ and the stats show that 76,000+ were "successful sends". The email list came from people who visited the SeekGod.org site and filled out a form. We heard from people all over the world who were touched by God through the article. It probably reached nearly every nation. We heard from China and several countries in Asia, Sudan and all over Africa, several countries in the Middle East, all over Europe, and of course all the English speaking countries.

From the beginning I felt the Lord did not want me to sell the revelations and insights He shows me but that we are to give them away on the internet free of charge. Again, you who are supporting Seek God Ministries are the reason we can do what we do. We have a faithful few supporters that have kept us surviving with consistent monthly support; And we have a few others who have given big donations to help us just at the right time to do some big things like purchase the Transformation Center building. Three years ago we would drive by this place and always say to each other in the van that big vacant building would make a great children's home. Today, I am writing this Newsletter from inside the house looking out the window at the highway we used to drive by on; and the building is paid for. Wow God, how can I not be so thankful for all He has done and is doing.

So, even when we are going through some times of challenges our family has learned to be content and remain thankful to the Lord. *Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:11-13)* We know that our help comes from the Lord and He is faithful.

## Goals

*Note: the list below is in priority order according to the needs of the ministry and the number of lives that are affected*

1. More regular monthly support to continue the ministry and be able to help more kids.
2. \$23,000 US dollars for a Toyota 15 Passenger van, our current van is a 1994 Toyota; it is 19 years old and has served us well for five years but is now requiring expensive repairs more frequently. We need transportation for so many things we do in The Philippines including outreaches to street kids.
3. \$35,000 USD to purchase the farm lot behind the Transformation Center to grow fruits and vegetables for the ministry, feed the poor, and for possible income.
4. Funds for remodeling the Transformation Center we possibly need \$60,000 USD for completion but we can work in stages as funds become available.

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 obey His voice.

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. (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 9:9-12)*

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Below are some pictures of the Transformation Center showing some of the work that needs to be done. There is still a lot of electrical, plumbing, and finishing work to do. We have done a good job of removing a lot of the termite infested wood that was falling apart. You can see the steel and concrete supporting structure of the building. We believe that we can use steel and concrete to make concrete floors. We are thinking of ways to make the place termite proof and weather proof so that what we do will have a long life and be maintenance free as much as possible.



Looking from first floor section 1 to second floor section 2, it is open all the way to the roof



One of the rooms that still has some usable wood



Back of the house sections 1 & 2



This shows the eaves where we have replaced some rotting wood with steel. This needs to be done all the way around the other 90% of the house.



This is section 5 we have not even begun to do anything there yet



This shows how bad the eaves are in some places