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Dear Pastors, Family, and Friends,

We praise the Lord that we have recovered from COVID, but it has been a slow recovery to get our strength back. We know that God makes no mistakes and He allowed this in our lives for a reason.

Bible college classes did not begin as planned due to travel restrictions. About the time we were able to get the students here to start classes the health department came in with armed guards with all kinds of restrictions and rules to follow. As a result of this visit from the health department everyone was quarantined, some for just two weeks and others for almost one month. Classes began with students and teachers that lived on compound during this time. They spent time in the Word of God gaining strength during this time of trouble. Classes officially began the end of September, so now we are back to a somewhat normal schedule as before. Both Beth and I are thankful for the opportunity we have to share the Word of God with the students in preaching and teaching. Since Pastor Bruce Rice moved to Molave to strengthen the Salug Valley Baptist Church (our mission church), he has sometimes had problems crossing the border from one province to another.

As of October 16th we are in lockdown again with MCQ, which means Modified Community Quarantine. There were 180 new cases recorded yesterday. We must wear shields and masks in public. Many businesses and establishments are closed, which effects the economical status of the people. There are mask police in the stores which follow you around telling you to wear your mask properly and put your shield down over your face. While other countries have less restrictions and can travel we are still limited on where we can go and what we can do.

Tourism has been disbanded since March 2020. With tourism being a major income to many Filipinos it has halted their finances greatly. For the Christians it has brought them to their knees with a greater dependence on God Himself. Testimonies of our members at Westside Baptist Church have given evidence that God in His goodness and mercy has provided for them during this time of crisis. They have taken steps to serve the Lord, even if they are limited, and still bring many first-time visitors.

Since we wrote last, two very dear friends in the ministry have graduated to Glory. One was our college secretary who surprisingly was diagnosed with cancer and died within a couple of months. Our dear pastor friend at LaLoma Baptist Church died from COVID after being hospitalized for over 2 weeks. Heaven is a sweeter place, but we miss them. So thankful for the blessed hope and the fact we will see them again someday.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

Yours for Souls in the Philippines,

Dan and Beth