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Ministry Echo



on Home Assignment

We arrived back in the Philippines on July 19 after a long but uneventful flight from Chicago via Taiwan. The travel was smooth, and all our luggage came through with us. Grateful for God's traveling mercies and your faithful intercession and prayers for all our trips.

A few days after our arrival, we went to our local police station to have our fingerprints taken, and then sent them to the South African Police Service (SAPS) - Criminal Record & Crime Scene Management, through DHL. In the Philippines, we can get a Police Clearance Certificate in few minutes, or even order online. But in South Africa, it takes 3 to 6 weeks. Praise the Lord, we got it already.

We rented a condo near a shopping mall in Parañaque City for us to come home after family and ministry trips. We decided that while working on our documents for visa application and family visits, we would continue to minister to churches within our reach to create awareness about worldwide mission and what the Lord is doing in South Africa.

We are just a few minutes away from Sheba's side of the family. We see them often, but the Padayhag's side is on Mindanao Island in the southern part of the country, quite a distance away. On August 1, we flew to Cagayan de Oro City and joined my brother, Eric, and his family, who drove 8 hours from Davao City, and together we continued 8 hours more to be with our parents and relatives in Zamboanga del Norte province. Aside from pastoring our church, my father has a regular preaching schedule at a radio station and does a weekly open-air crusade in our hometown. Sheba's parents continue leading her home church in Las Pinas City, and her father works as a supervising minister in the Central Luzon region. It is always a joy to see our families in good health and continuing to serve the Lord.

We thank the Lord that while waiting for our return to South Africa, we can continue ministering wherever and in whatever capacity we have—many times through teaching and preaching, financial giving, and manual labor. Whichever way, we are grateful for every opportunity to be a blessing and be blessed in our homeland.



with the Buagas



with the Padayhags



with GTCM in Pampanga



some of the Grace churches we visited in Mindanao islands



with the pastors of C.L.A.G. district



encouraging churches in Luzon area about missions



helping improve temporary structure of Grace church in Las Piñas City



celebrated some birthdays in the family



G-TEAMS Philippines



On September 17, we launched G-TEAMS Philippines in Grace Gospel Church of Las Piñas City. It will be under the Field Bible School program of Things to Come Mission, Philippines. This church-based training caters to men and women who feel called by God to be pastors and Bible women, yet were not afforded time and opportunity to study in the Bible School when they were young. Despite their professions, work schedules, family responsibilities, and career accomplishments, the call continues to become clearer and louder. They cannot attend a regular Bible School but are willing to participate in flexible and modified training like G-TEAMS. So far, eleven students from various walks of life have committed to being taught and trained for the ministry. A team of educators and pastors will continue this program once we are away to South Africa.

CNLAG Youth Mission Conference

Central & Northwest Luzon Association of Grace (CNLAG) Churches held its first Youth Mission Conference in Pampanga Grace Gospel Church on September 24. Close to a hundred delegates attended from the Grace churches of San Jose and Singat in Tarlac, Olongapo, Subic, and Pampanga. Mission awareness and challenge were the main focus of my two Bible-based lectures/messages. Sheba gave the delegates a foretaste of what it is like to be a missionary traveling and working in foreign fields during the 1st Activity. In the 2nd Activity, they reflected on what they learned from their "travel" to the mission fields, and then spent time praying for the missionaries. Many young people believed and trusted Christ for their salvation during the message, while several delegates committed to studying at the Bible School after it was encouraged.



Prayer & Praise

- Please pray that we can return to South Africa the third week of October. We will hit the ground running once we are back. A wedding ceremony, GOMSA Leadership Summit, National Conference, Bible School Moving Up, and Graduation are some of the events awaiting us.
- Please pray for God to provide us with a 4-bedroom house. This will give extra spaces for guests, offices/homeschool & Grace TV studio.
- Please pray for \$3700 needed for plane tickets for the 4 of us to return to South Africa. The airfare is very high this time and unfortunately, we can only buy the tickets once we have the visa. (Please contact TCM if you are interested to help in this need).
- Our HEARTFELT thanks to all of you who are partnering with us in prayer, encouragement, and financial support. We value your friendship and partnership in the ministry.

If you are yet to support a missionary or if you want to add another family to the missionaries you support, you would be a great blessing and an added value that would make the work go faster and further.

TCM issues tax-deductible receipts for all donations to our family and ministry. If you would like to partner with us, please contact:

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