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Greetings from the Taylors in the Philippines,

In ministry, some see the glass half empty, some see the glass half full, and at times, we see it overflowing. We have experienced all of the above. There have been times in the last 2 years through COVID, Monkeypox, gas prices, and money that doesn't seem to buy much, that the glass seems to be half empty. We thank God that no matter how we perceive things, that He maintains His faithfulness. In spite of the financial crises that we are all experiencing many of you have continued to be faithful in your giving and we thank you.

The school continues to operate on a COVID protocol which means that we are still not allowed to meet in person five days a week. We are, however, hearing that some public schools have returned to limited in person teaching and we will be able to return to complete in person sometime this fall. We are still experiencing some mask and vaccination restrictions here in the Philippines. On another note we have hired a new group of teachers that look very promising. Some of our teachers from last year have moved on to better paying jobs but we were blessed to have had them. The school is on summer break and we are making repairs to the building to conform to fire department and Department of Education requirements. We have inspections every year. We are installing doors and a support beam for the roof. There are also electrical repairs that need to be addressed. We are thankful that God has given us favor with the government agencies that know the good we are doing and bend the rules in our favor.

The school and we personally, have experienced the glass overflowing this last month. Lola, (Lanie's mom) turned 80 this month and she had a party at a resort with friends, family and a roasted pig.

The school held a music camp that taught kids dance, song and some of the older ones musical instruments like guitar, bass, and drums. They performed on Sunday for their parents and the church. The same week about 50 youth had a youth rally sleep-over at the school and 7 of them desired and were baptized in the ocean.

With the peer pressure that they experience, this is a big step for many of them. Reaching young people early will save them a life of grief that so many young people experience here.



The pastor of the church continues to visit people, preach and attend their funerals, pray for them, encourage and teach them the Bible. We have several discipleship programs at the church and on the Taylor farm. In the month of June we teamed up with a church in the mountains to distribute food and clothes and shoes from America that were generously given and sent to us here for those in need. Thank you!

The farm is still not making money but we are able to give work to people that would not otherwise have work. We grow enough to cover some of our expenses and give away to those who need. Our 6 mama pigs have been giving us piglets to sell and bless others with. We have chickens, gardens, and broom making to keep Lola from boredom. She has worked all her life and doesn't know anything else. Oh, that God might bless

her and us with more years. Well as always, there is much more to say but I must close. Thank-you, again, for your support to this ministry whether prayerfully, financially, or both.

Praises

- ☐ That Lola turned 80 and is still getting around.
- ☐ That God has sustained us until now.
- ☐ That God gave us another grandchild (Theo) and he will be coming to visit with his mommy, daddy and sister in November.
- ☐ That we finished another school year.
- ☐ That God has used His people to supply the needs of the ministry.
- ☐ That we have continued to find favor with the government even though we are not able to meet all the requirements to operate a school.
- ☐ For the new qualified and talented teachers that we were able to hire to take the place of those who left.
- ☐ That God is answering prayer concerning men taking more responsibility in their homes and the church.
- ☐ That the church is growing and there is more participation.

Prayer requests

- ☐ Pray for our health and the health of our workers. Lanie and I have no insurance. The head Administrator of the school is 9 months pregnant and is due soon.
- ☐ Pray that the government would open schools for complete face to face teaching. We have lost much in the last 2 years of COVID shut-downs. The new president has promised no more lock downs.
- ☐ Pray for DeLloyd's immigration status. The government doesn't recognize his marriage to Lanie and will only grant him visas for 2 months. If refused an extension he could be deported. All solutions seem to be a bureaucratic nightmare. COVID has complicated things even more.
- ☐ Pray for a solution to moving the school to the farm where we can comply completely with government requirements and avoid further problems with the neighbors at our present location.
- ☐ Pray for safety, uneventful travel, and blessing for our visitors in October and in November.

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