



Vision Faith Ministries

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Greetings from the Taylors in the Philippines. Many of you know that we just returned from our annual visit to America in September. We were happy that we were able to visit with many of our family, friends and supporters. We also were able to start or finish a few important things on our to-do list. We were welcomed and treated very well by all. Since returning to the Philippines we have been trying to return to normal. We have, however, faced a battle with Lanie's mother's health. She is bedridden and is unable to talk, walk and she eats very little. Shortly after we arrived here, Lanie's brother was hospitalized with kidney failure and underwent two operations. Hazel, who was the parent of some of our students, died of cervical cancer. She recently became a Christian, was newly married, and dedicated her youngest child to be raised and nurtured in the ways of her heavenly Father. We are reminded of Jesus' words, "in this world you will have tribulation". He never promised us that everything would always run smoothly but He did promise that He would be with us even to the end of the age. He promised never to leave us nor forsake us. He promised that in the midst of the trial, He would give us comfort and peace. Tragedy always reminds us that this world is not our home and without Him we can do nothing. Without Him, we have no salvation, physical health, or material blessing. Every good and perfect gift comes from above.

On a more positive note, the school is back in session and all of our staff and teachers have returned. The ministry has hired 2 more teachers and we have a present enrollment of about 70 children. The ministry is also supporting about 6 high school students with required school fees, uniforms, and other school requirements. Three of the male high school students are living on the farm where they are being fed and housed and given an opportunity to earn a little spending money. They are also being tutored in English and Math. Some of these students are active in playing instruments and singing in the church worship service. We praise God that they have chosen to do something positive with their lives.

The Department of Education has asked the school to install running water to all the bathrooms on campus. Since the founding of the school and Bay Hills installation of a well and a hand pump, the school has depended on a hand pump and buckets to supply water needs. The ministry will be installing a storage tank and plumbing soon to supply running water to all the bathrooms in the school.

The church is growing spiritually as well as numerically. God is answering prayer concerning men taking more of a part in attendance and leadership in the church. The pastor is presently preaching through different books in the New Testament. More people are attending because they want to, instead of being required to, as part of school participation. Besides the weekly Bible studies that the pastor is leading in the Cebuano language, there are 3 different groups going through the Rooted study in English. There are also plans to start another study on the High School campus. One was started before COVID hit and we never followed up with it.

We are gearing up to host a prayer fellowship at the church this month. There will be 13 churches participating in prayer for the needs of the area and the different churches. This gives us opportunity to get to know the pastors and members of other churches that are serving in this area. In November, we will also be celebrating with thanksgiving to God for the 13 years of His faithfulness to this ministry. During this celebration a church service is held, a meal is eaten, and gifts are given to the attendees.

The gifts come from the harvest of whatever is growing here on the farm. The ministry also gives bags of rice, clothes, shoes and other materials that were gathered in America and shipped in boxes during our visit there. This year there were about 70 boxes shipped as a result of supporters like you in the U.S. This ministry would not exist without God supplying through you. God has raised up faithful people who give each month and others who periodically give large sums of money. God knows your deeds, your needs and will reward you. During times of a bad economy and the COVID pandemic, the ministry never went into the red. We have a good and faithful God.

Thank-you to those who have donated to this ministry and thank-you, all of you, for your part in praying for this ministry.

Prayer requests

- Pray that God will continue to use this ministry to glorify his name.
- Pray for someone qualified to take our present pastor's place in January. He has taken a position in another church. He will be missed.
- Pray for Lanie and her family. Her mother and brother are heavy on her heart. Her mother is near death and her brother's condition is still not clear.
- Pray for God's wisdom, our health and strength, and the health and strength of school staff.
- Pray for DeLloyd's immigration status. He is applying for residency in the Philippines. His status, among other things, recently caused him to be denied departure from the Philippines. He missed his flight to the U.S. and that led to the cancellation of his return flight. Bureaucracy and the process that he is going through can be explained by the word "lio" which is reference to something tangled like a ball of string. Trying to unravel it is almost impossible.
- Pray for new godly leaders to be raised up to take over the ministry long after the Taylors are gone.
- Pray for a doctor and a dentist that would work free or cheap to minister to the people here.
- Pray for direction and God's intervention for moving the school. The school does not meet the minimum land requirements for a school. We have several options but none are easy. We can move the school to the farm and pay for a right of way to the farm or purchase another piece of land that is not land locked. Right now land is very expensive.

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