

R's Email Update June 2009

Dear Praying Friends,

We give thanks to God for His provisions these last 12 months. One year ago we began our furlough, arriving in Washington and now ending in Minnesota. **Thanks for going before us in prayer** on this journey, we have been constantly encouraged by many who make a point to let us know they are praying.

Sunday is on the way! We board a United Airlines flight at 8am on the 7th for our return flight to Manila. **Please pray** for our travels. Many have asked how long we will be gone, we are planning another four years. We are returning to the same location at the SIL center in Manila, Andrew will continue running the maintenance department and Melissa will work in the office part-time. We are all more than excited to get back home.

We are in process of packing up our suitcases, moving out of our rental home, and storing some personal effects at Andrew's dad's farm in Iowa. **We appreciate your prayers** these next 7 days for this transitional time. The kid's last day of school will be Thursday, three days before the school year ends. Andrew completed his Heating, Ventilation, and Air conditioning course last month and is glad to now be certified in refrigerant use.

Before the great move back to Manila we are thankful for some time with Andrew's brother's family. We are leaving Rochester on Thursday for Minneapolis to meet them as they return from two years of missionary service in Indonesia. Their return trip has already begun so **please pray** for their travels and health.

Bear with us as we briefly mention our need for additional financial partners. Thankfully we were able to purchase our plane tickets because we reached 95% of our quota. We haven't had any overall increase in financial support since then but we have continued with our partnership efforts. We leave this need with our Lord and **Praise Him** for the hundreds who make up our prayer and financial team. **We Praise Him** also for the many extra gifts we received that have gone toward plane tickets, medical expenses, and general out-going expenses.

To continue with a few more praises:

We praise God for His Direction for us over the year, from connecting with all 10 of our supporting churches to schooling, work, and spending time with family. God has made it possible as we've sought His direction.

We praise God for His Provision. Furlough requires many different details coming together. Main highlights include: a place to live, vehicles, health care, & finances.

We praise God for Friends, as cheesy as it may sound. It's easy to end up in unfamiliar places surrounded by unfamiliar people. We Praise God for those who went out of their way to take this edge off.

We Praise God for Helping Hands. We are thankful for the many who filled the role of simply lending a hand. From the small group who is coming to clean the house for us after we leave (THANKS Jay and company) to help with packing and moving. You all were huge help.

We appreciate your partnership with us in the work of Bible Translation. As we share personally about the business of family life, our hearts are turned toward those who still wait for God's Word in their own language. **Pease Pray** for the Word to reach the every language!

Blessings

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