# **R's Email Update**

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### Prayer and Praise:

~ Pray for Melissa's safe journey to the USA and for her mom's recovery.

Praise that Melissa's visa is in order and other documents will be processed quickly for her departure.

~ Pray for those who were victimized by the recent storms.

Praise for the generosity of our partners which allowed us to help our church members affected by the floods.

~ Pray for Nelfa as she recovers from her surgery and adjusts to being a mom.

Praise again for the generosity of our partners who helped with Nelfa's medical expenses.

~ Pray for the completion of the remodeling project in the Guest House (Melissa is the Guest House Manager).

Praise that the Dining Room and Lounge area are almost complete.

~ Pray for wisdom for Melissa as she considers future assignments at the end of her responsibilities in the Guest House.

Praise for a new maintenance employee working with Andrew.

~ Pray for the "S" language Jesus Film dubbing.

Praise for the completion of the Romblomanon and Isnag Jesus Film DVDs.

### Dear Friends,

God is good, and we praise Him for His faithfulness! We praise God for each of you. You are part of God's faithfulness to us. Thank you for your love and prayers!

The last couple of months have been challenging on so many levels, but God has been there meeting every need every step of the way.

Beginning with Typhoon Ondoy, storms raged across the Philippine Islands these last few weeks leaving behind a devastating wake of destruction. We shared the need with all of you, and your response has been such an encouragement. *Thank you for giving, and for making it possible for us to give.* 

Amidst the storms, our house helper, Nelfa had complications with the delivery of her daughter, which required an emergency cesarean. *Nelfa, and her daughter Nicole, are doing great and along with us, thank you for your gifts to help cover her medical expenses.* 

In September we learned that Melissa's mom has breast cancer. What was expected to be a simple lumpectomy revealed that the cancer had spread to the lymph nodes, requiring a mastectomy. **On Wednesday November 4, Mom underwent a double mastectomy.** More than likely further treatment will be necessary, but will depend on the latest pathology reports. At first, Melissa had decided not to go, thinking it would cause too great a burden for Andrew and the girls. We have now decided that Melissa really needs to be in the US with her family at this time. **On Tuesday November 10, Melissa will travel to Austin, TX to spend three weeks with her mom, dad, and sister. Thank you for your prayers for the family, for Mom's recovery, Melissa's safe journey, and for Andrew and the girls staying in the Philippines.** 

Several of our friends here and in the US are also dealing with very difficult burdens right now and our hearts are heavy with our love and concern for them. We pray God will be glorified in our efforts to comfort and encourage our friends.

Work is also quite a challenge these days. The remodeling of the Guest House drags on behind schedule. Andrew has several projects under his supervision, along with the daily maintenance needs of the center. Melissa has been asked again to consider a different area of responsibility. **We look to God to give us stamina, grace and flexibility as we meet the** 



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#### challenges each day presents.

In the middle of all that's been happening, God gave us the gift of a week of vacation. Missionary friends gifted us with the funds to travel to the SIL center in Nasuli, located on the Southern Philippine Island of Mindanao. It is a beautiful area surrounded by mountains and endless fruit production. We were able to see pineapple and banana plantations as well as a monastery where the monks grow and produce fantastic coffee. We had great fellowship with our colleagues living and working in Nasuli.

While there, Melissa was able to spend a little time in the Vernacular Media (VM) studio. The voice tracks for the Jesus film are being recorded for the "S" group (name withheld for security). Please pray for the VM team and their equipment. Pray for the Bible Translators for the "S" people involved in the project. Pray for the safety of the voice actors who risk much by being a part of this project.

When we returned to Manila from Nasuli our luggage contained 100 Jesus Film DVDs dubbed in Romblomanon, and

150 Jesus Film DVDs dubbed in Isnag, a very exciting and precious cargo! These had been recorded on location in the villages earlier in the year and are now ready for distribution.

It is only by God's grace that we have this amazing opportunity to be here in the Philippines. We pray that our lives, with all the challenges and blessings we receive, will be a witness to all of God's goodness and faithfulness.

Thank you for your prayers and partnership,

Andrew and Melissa



After Typhoon Ondoy



In the studio: recording an original song, and voice tracks for the Amganad Ifugao Jonah Video

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