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Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:26-28)

Blessed promises indeed!

We thank God that everything is stable with the Philippine ministry—both Panay and Mindanao Bible schools going, remote area churches started, buildings built and, most importantly, souls saved.

The mainland training center in Harbin, China (operates as a kindergarten front) is facing some economic problems due to school class suspension until Coronavirus situation is clear. All school attendance is suspended until further notice. No attendance means no tuition from students—therefore, no rent or payment to K-4 teachers can be made.

Our daughter, Catherine, teaches at a Hong Kong Christian private school (over 1,000 students in the school). All school attendance is also suspended there since January 15 until April 20. Her husband, Jonathan, is Pastor of Island Baptist Church. Church services have also been reduced. Their three children (Steven 12, Lucy 10, and Nicholas 6) must also be home schooled during this time. I did get to preach in Island Baptist Church (February 2) to 30 Filipino workers in HK. *(over 170,000 Filipinos work as domestic help in HK)*

We intended to leave from Hong Kong to the Philippines during February, but were not allowed to fly from HK due to Philippines President Duterte's prohibition of all flights from Mainland and Hong Kong, China due to Coronavirus epidemic.

After our return to the USA from HK, Sue experienced nausea, extreme weakness, chest pains and is now in WA hospital for tests. Her prognosis is uncertain now, but all virus infection has been ruled out. Please pray for her.

"Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you." (Romans 1:10)

Paul intended a "*prosperous*" trip to Rome "*by the will of God*". He got there—but in shackles, a snakebite, storm and shipwreck along the way. Our thoughts and ways, as well as our definition of "*prosperous*", are not always the same as God's.

In the midst of all trials and troubles, we stand steady and sing a favorite hymn:

'When darkness seems to hide His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

We thank God for His grace, mercy and goodness to the undeserving!

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support,
Bro. Dave and Sue Reese

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BAYONA REPORT
National Director EOTEM Philippines

God has been good to us in spite of the COVID19 virus here in ASIA. We are still safe here. Even the Swine Fever has contaminated tens of thousands of hogs here in Mindanao, but our few pigs for consumption here at Open Bible College are safe.

We are having a whole day and one night of Bible college conference and fellowship for all students from Lake Sebu and General Santos City here at Open Bible College Mindanao on February 28. We will send pictures of it in our March letter.

Here are some pictures of the progress of the church building at Faith Baptist Church in the jungle village of Colongulo, Mindanao. They are putting up high wall on the right side of the building to support the ground where there is a drop.



They are now using the building for services but working on the walls as well.



Thank you for your prayers and support. Our goal for 2020 is to build 10 new churches in the Philippine jungles and place an Open Bible College, Bible believing pastor in each one of them.



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