



One of our favorite songs has the lyrics, "What a privilege it is to come into Gods presence. Just to linger with the one who set me free..." As we contemplate lingering with the one who has set us free from the wage and power of sin, we realize how little time we actually spend with Him. We need to be like Mary, lingering humbly at the feet of Jesus, soaking in every word, knowing that each word is profitable and is a light unto our paths. Many times our days become so busy with the various responsibilities that we have that we forget to be still and know that He is God, listening for His still small voice. We praise the Lord that His compassion for us and His mercy is new every morning.

God has been so good in answering our prayers and providing needs through so many of His servants.

We arrived back in the Philippines on the 26<sup>th</sup>. If you recall, because our visa was expiring, it was necessary to leave the country and then return. The Lord enabled us to visit some missionary friends, the Adam Wood family in Cambodia. They are starting a church with 2 other families in Kampong Cham about 2 hours North of Phnom Penh.

We left the Philippines intact with no problems at Immigration and arrived safely in Phnom Penh. We stayed there for two days before traveling to Kampong Cham. When we arrived, the Wood family graciously prepared some gifts for us all and unbeknownst to us had contacted a mutual supporting church in the states which also graciously supplied some funds for the children to use. This was a huge blessing because our funds were quite limited. We had a great stay. Kristi was able to fellowship with the other ladies. Kayla had some girls her age to play with, as well as Nathaniel. And we praise the Lord that even Hudson and Joshua the Woods son had a great time doing various things. I praise the Lord for the opportunity to join along with soul-winning and a Bible study in a new town they would like to reach. We also praise the Lord for the privilege to stay in Matt and Nikki Brown's house while they were in Phnom Penh. It was also a joy to have dinner one night with Matt and Becky Hancock.

When we left to come back to the Philippines, we realized that the exact money we had set aside to use in Cambodia and the money that was given to us was exactly what we needed. We used the remaining Cambodian money to purchase ice-cream at the airport. God is amazing. Here is a picture of all us of at the airport.

We were not sure what to expect when we arrived back in the Philippines. But, at the Immigration window, they allowed us to process a 59 days visa while we begin to process our Missionary 9-G visa. One other item of interest. Kristi was planning to purchase several drinks on the airplane for the children, and the stewardess gave them to her for free. We praise Him who reigns above.

While in Manila for 2 days, Kristi was able to have some blood work done. The doctor who has been such a help to us also graciously gave us some funds to have this testing done. We were able to find out that she is severely low in Vit D, which is affecting her Calcium levels as well as some other things. So, the doctor is researching right now Vit. D deficiency. We also had the opportunity to meet a team from Falls Baptist Church located in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. They also were a blessing to us. When we arrived there was a typhoon that had already passed Manila heading North. We acknowledged God and believed He would have us leave that Thursday, even though there was still a lot of rain and wind. And what a blessing that was. It rained on us for most of the trip. But when we arrived in Candon, the rain and wind stopped, and we had smooth sailing until we arrived home. The next day, Friday the typhoon hit in our area and the wind and rain passed through until Monday. We lost power on Sunday morning but praise the Lord it was restored on Monday about 10am. What a great God we serve, who will lead our every path as we acknowledge Him.

While we were gone, we asked Paulo Agonoy, a Bible school student to handle the Wednesday night services. He did a good job and those in attendance enjoyed his preaching. We invited Raffy Asuncion and family to handle the services on Sunday. They also were a blessing to the church and were able to encourage those in attendance.

So, we are back in business as they say. It is kind of ironic, but many in our community were surprised to see us. They assumed that we were not coming back, or that our vacation would be much longer.

We are excited to be back in the saddle and get out into the fields to see what God is going to do. Please pray for our visa that the processing will go smoothly. We have heard that there are some changes and some new requirements. Please pray that we will be able to acquire these as needed. Please also pray for our building program. Every month we have been adding a new wall as the Lord supplies. Please also pray for Ercie as she is in Bible school in Manila. Pray for the remaining teens that they would continue to be faithful in all matters and respond to all authorities in an humble manner. Continue to pray for Francheska and her mother Odessa. Francheska has been able to partner with the girls from church with various school projects so this has been a huge blessing.

As always, we cannot thank you enough for your prayers and support. It is encouraging to always know that you are praying for us. The  
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