



THE VALIANTE FAMILY

Equipping and Training National Pastors in the Philippines



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Dear Supporters and Friends,

100%!!! We are excited this month to announce that we have reached our support goal in order to get to the Philippines. And to every church, pastor, and member who has helped us reach this goal: THANK YOU!

We are also grateful to be inching toward our “Initial Travel and Relocation Expense” goal of \$20,000. We have already received over \$12,000 toward this need, with more promised. I cannot tell you how reassuring, and encouraging it is to see God provide for our financial needs time and time again. Even though we recognize that money is not the most important thing in this life, when God faithfully provides for our material and physical needs, it becomes a constant reminder of His goodness. Our whole family is getting to see the truth of Matthew 6 lived out: Seek first God’s Kingdom and His righteousness, and all of our material needs—the things we often fret over—will be supplied. God has done far above we could ever ask or think.

Just as a note, if you are interested in giving toward our “Initial Travel and Relocation Expense,” you can visit our website (valiantes.com) and click on the “DONATE” tab. You will be directed to the Pacific Rim Missions giving webpage. Just make sure to select “Missionary Support Fund-Valiantes” when making your donation. Once more, we are very thankful for those who have sacrificially given both to this fund, and to our monthly support to make our ministry in the Philippines possible. Truly, we could not do it without you.

This past month, five churches let us know that they have taken us on for monthly support. It was through these churches we reached 100%. We are thankful for First Baptist (Las Animas, CO), Valley Community (Rocky Ford, CO), Westside Baptist (Eugene, OR), Faith Baptist (Fowler, CO), and Baptist Bible (Accomac, VA).



Since returning back East in early January we have enjoyed getting settled back into the Haven of Rest (the Missions House of our sending church, Lighthouse Baptist). We have been so grateful to be able to attend most of the services at Lighthouse and be refreshed after many months of travel. We always feel so much at home with the dear folks there. A couple weeks back, I had the chance to speak at the Lighthouse's annual "Couples Banquet." This was a really fun time, and special for Sarah and me since our "date nights" have been few and far between since Noemi arrived 9 months ago.



We are making strides on all of the necessary details for our transition. We are wading through the paperwork of what is required for our Visas. Just last week we received Noemi's passport, so now she should be ready to go! Mark Kittrell (president of our Mission – PRMI) is in the Philippines now, and is even looking at a vehicle for us to purchase. He is supposed to take an immaculate, late model (used) 7 passenger Mitsubishi out for a test drive tomorrow! This would be a huge blessing to have our vehicle already purchased and available for use when we land. Hopefully over the next week or two I will purchase our plane tickets. Everything is really starting to move quickly—and it is starting to feel real!

Regarding my book, *God Gives More Grace*, I was excited last week to receive the edited manuscript, as well as the proposed cover design. Everything looks great! I am thankful for all of the work that went into the edits. They were able to take my 68,000 word manuscript and make it more clear and concise. Although they really did not take out any sections (they just smoothed over my grammar and wordiness), they got it down to 62,000 words. I am very pleased with the manuscript. The plan is to finish the final proofing and design over the next two months, and then it will be printed. The tentative release date is now set for the end of May or early June... Lord willing!

Thank you for your continued prayers for our family. We are exciting to see our departure date in the middle of May quickly approaching. We look forward to getting to the Philippines and launch Haven of Grace Seminary at the very end of June.

Serving Christ,
The Valiantes
2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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CURRENT SUPPORT LEVEL: 100%

Intial Travel & Relocation Fund

GOAL: \$20,000

RAISED: \$12,000

Prayer Requests:

For God to continue to supply our financial needs
For continued grace to our family during this time of transition
For students to register for the upcoming semester
For wisdom in applying for Visas and purchasing plane tickets
For Mark Kittrell's (Haven of Grace Seminary's President) trip to the Philippines (2/17-3/2) to be profitable in promoting the seminary

Praises:

Upcoming publication of my book (*God Gives More Grace*) – late May or early June
For reaching 100% of our support goal!
For students already applying for admittance into the seminary's degree programs