



THE VALIANTE FAMILY

Equipping and Training National Pastors in the Philippines



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Dear Supporters and Friends,

Only 2 months to go before we leave for the Philippines (Lord willing)! We have already purchased our tickets and are set to leave from New York's JFK International Airport early in the morning on Wednesday, May 15. We arrive in Manila on Thursday morning May 16, and will spend a couple of days with friends there. On Saturday, May 18 we take a short flight from Manila to Bacolod before arriving at Haven of Grace.

Presently our family is in the process of packing up our belongings to prepare for our transition. Since our home at Haven of Grace is fully furnished, we only need to bring a limited number of supplies and personal effects—the most of which (to be honest) will likely be stuffed animals ☺.

Over the past couple of months, I have spent countless hours researching everything we need to have in place for our transition. Earlier in March Lydia and I took a trip up to New York City to visit the Philippine Consulate on 5th Avenue. This was a profitable time for me to make sure I know exactly what is needed to apply for our Visas. It was also a really special one-on-one time with Lydia. She is growing up so fast. She turned 8 this month, has a sweet, loving (sometimes crazy) spirit and has been such a blessing in our family.



Although we are at 100% of our needed support, we have just a couple of meetings scheduled before we leave. On Sunday, March 17 we had the opportunity to visit Dividing Creek Baptist Church (Dividing Creek, NJ). This was a special treat for our family since this church is pastored by Doug and Pam Chaney. The Chaney's served at Faith Baptist Church in Pembine, WI (the church I attended for two years while I was a student at Northland). I was also friends with their daughters (and future sons-in-law) in college. So, it was a blessing to

get to see them once again, as well as the privilege to once more preach and present the ministry God has called us to at Haven of Grace.



(The kids especially enjoyed checking out this beautiful 100+ year old church building and even getting to ring the church bell!)

We are also continuing to raise funds for our “Initial Travel and Relocation Expense” goal of \$20,000. We have already received over \$12,000 toward this need, with more promised. We are thankful to see how God has provided for our needs.

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.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our family. We are excited 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

If you have not already, please visit our website (valiantes.com) for regular updates. You can also subscribe to our website to receive updates directly to your email inbox. Also, if you would like to support our family financially, visit our website and click on the “Support” or “Donate” tab on the menu.

CURRENT SUPPORT LEVEL: 100%

Initial 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

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
For the purchase of our plane tickets!