



THE VALIANTE FAMILY

Equipping and Training National Pastors in the Philippines



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Dear Supporters and Friends,

This week we remember the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross, and celebrate His victory over sin and death through His resurrection from the grave! This is the message we joyfully proclaim as we make our way to the Philippines to help equip and train men for the Gospel ministry.

In less than 1 month (Lord willing) we will be in the Philippines as we prepare for the launch of Haven of Grace Seminary. There seems to be a constantly flurry of activity in our home as we coordinate all of the details for our move.

One major component of our move is getting our clothes, supplies, books, toys—and of course stuffed animals—ready to travel to the Philippines. Over these past couple of months Sarah has been doing a great job organizing our belongings into four main categories: 1. Things we want to get rid of. 2. Things we want to keep, but will leave here in the States. 3. Things we want in the Philippines when we arrive. 4. Things we want in the Philippines but will not need right away. She is making great progress, as we figure out how much luggage we will need, and how to best get our belongings over there. Although we will not be sending over a container, we will plan to ship 5-7 large “balikbayan” boxes. Early next week, we plan to ship out these boxes from Philadelphia, and hope to receive them in 6-8 weeks in the Philippines. We should receive these boxes about a month after we arrive. In addition to these boxes we are packing luggage with clothes and supplies we will need during our first month there. We are especially thankful for the grace God is giving Sarah and the children in this endeavor. It can, at times, feel overwhelming, but we are seeing God’s goodness in the midst of it all.

This past week, I sent out our Visa applications. The package with all of our passports, itineraries, applications, financial information, and photos is now sitting in a New York Post Office awaiting delivery to the Philippine Consulate General. Please pray that our applications will be approved without any delays. I believe we have provided all of the information necessary for a one-year Temporary Visitor’s Visa—this was why Lydia and I travelled to New York City to the Philippine Consulate last month to make sure we have everything in order for the submission of our applications—but you can never quite tell!

In addition to our preparations for our departure date on May 15, this past month we also had the opportunity to take part in the Missions Conference at our sending Church (Lighthouse Baptist). We are going to miss all of our friends here at LBC, but are thankful that we will have the chance to see them each year.





We also had the opportunity to visit one of our supporting churches, Baptist Bible, in Accomac Virginia. We first visited the Fletchers and the sweet folks at Baptist Bible last March, and they left a lasting impression upon us. Actually just a couple of weeks before we found out that they had taken us on for support, Kiersten asked, “Dad, do you remember the church with the really good pizza and the delicious ice cream?” In our first visit, Pastor and Mrs. Fletcher had taken us out to Chincoteague Island for some pizza and ice cream at Island Creamery. The ice cream was delicious. But what was even sweeter was the fellowship with the Fletchers and this vibrant church. They have been such a blessing to our family with their encouragement, and reminders of God’s power to transform people’s lives.



Additionally, progress is continuing to be made with my book, *God Gives More Grace*. The publisher (Regular Baptist Press) is ready to send the book off for printing, and it is even available for pre-order through their website. Stay tuned to our website and my Facebook profile for details about ordering.

Finally, we are also continuing to raise funds for our “Initial Travel and Relocation Expense” goal of \$20,000. We have already received over \$14,500 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: \$14,500

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

Praises:

Upcoming publication of my book (*God Gives More Grace*) – late May or early June
For students already applying for admittance into the seminary’s degree programs
For God’s evident grace in all of our preparations