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# THE VALIANTE FAMILY

Equipping and Training National Pastors in the Philippines

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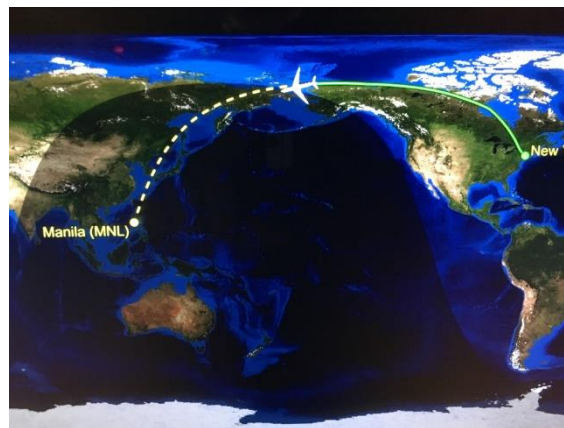


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May 20, 2019

Dear Supporters and Friends,

WE HAVE ARRIVED! Early Wednesday morning (close to 2 AM), our flight departed from JFK Airport (New York) for Manila, Philippines. Thanks to God, we all did really well on the 16 hour flight. Of course, our greatest concern was how Emi would handle the trip. True to form, she did great. She slept most of the flight, and was relatively pleasant for the remainder of it. Traveling that distance is not easy for anyone, but our family of 7 handled it as well as I had hoped.



Once we arrived in Manila, we spent a couple of days with friends, Tim and Laura Berrey (and their family). The Berrey's serve at Bob Jones Memorial Bible College in Quezon City. They were such gracious hosts who so caringly and willingly served us from the moment we arrived, until we boarded our plane for Bacolod. One thing that reminded us of God's care for us was being able to fit our whole family, along with all of our luggage (including two large cat carriers) in their van to make it back to their home (see the picture below to the far right). We weren't really sure how everything fit, but our family has been joking since that time that God Gave More Space ☺



Once we landed in Bacolod, we were met by Pastor Jun and his wife, Juvi, as well as a fellow American Missionary, Nathan Goodpaster and his daughter (the Goodpasters minister about an hour from Haven of Grace). What a joyful reception! Once we finally made it back to Haven of Grace, the children from the surrounding village heard of our return, and came to greet our children the next day. Their reunion is one of the sweetest things I have ever seen.



As a note, we want to thank everyone who gave toward our “Initial Travel and Relocation Fund.” God’s provision through your sacrificial giving allowed us to exceed our goal of \$20,000! This was a blessing because the actual costs of our relocation were higher than our initial estimate. These funds went toward our airlines tickets, the cost of our vehicle, Visas, shipping, luggage etc. Thank you so much for having a part in our ministry, and “partnering” with us in the Gospel ministry.



FINAL NOTE: One highlight before our departure was our Commissioning Service held at our home church, Lighthouse Baptist (Newark, DE) on Sunday, April 28. Words cannot express how special this service was with encouraging testimonies from family, friends, and former teens from Lighthouse, as well as preaching, and prayer on our family’s behalf. You can view the morning service by following this link to Lighthouse’s YouTube page:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=voUTq21P4Aw>

We are grateful for your continued prayers for our family. Please be in prayer as we make our final preparations for the start of Haven of Grace Seminary at the very end of June.

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

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### **Initial Travel & Relocation Fund**

GOAL: \$20,000

RAISED: \$20,000+

#### **Prayer Requests:**

- For God to continue to supply our financial needs
- For continued grace to our family during this time of transition as we settle in to Haven of Grace
- For students to register for the upcoming semester
- For a great start to the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester at Haven of Grace Seminary

#### **Praises To God:**

- For health and safety in our travels from the U.S. to the Philippines
- Upcoming publication of my book (*God Gives More Grace*) – late May or early June