



THE VALIANTE FAMILY

Equipping and Training National Pastors in the Philippines



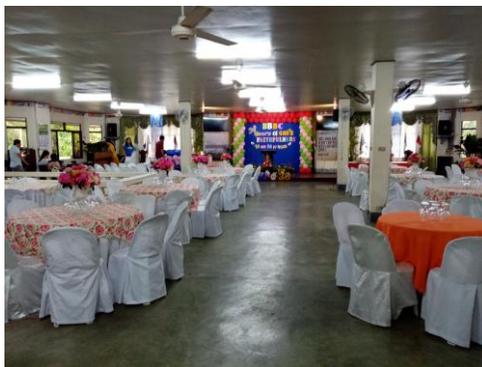
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Dear Supporters and Friends,

ONE MONTH IN! Our first month here in the Philippines has come and gone. And it has been a busy one! We have spent our time getting settled and situated here. Of course, this includes a thousand little things to take care of. We now have our cell phone, our vehicle registered, wifi at the apartment and groceries stocked. We are thankful for Pastor Jun (Vice President of the Haven of Grace Board) for helping us run what may have seemed like endless errands over these first few weeks.

In the middle of getting settled, we have also had many open doors for ministry. It has been a wonderful joy to get to know area pastors, and minister to their congregations over our first few weeks. On May 25 our family was invited to Berean Bible Baptist Church in Binalbagan. I was honored to be the special guest speaker for the church's 38th Anniversary. It was wonderful to get to know Pastor Nemen and his family, along with the church family there. They were so welcoming and such gracious hosts. On Monday, we spent the day with the church on an outing, and again enjoyed a time of fellowship and fun!



The following Sunday (June 2), we were able to be at Sword Baptist Church with our friends, Pastor Kiram and Girlie. Sword Baptist is only a couple miles from Haven of Grace, and both Pastor Kiram and Girlie have been such a help to us in our transition. They have been helping make sure we are stocked with water, and have everything we need. Our time at Sword Baptist was really great. The folks were very engaged in Sunday School (where Pastor Kiram taught), as well as in the morning service where I preached.



The next Sunday found us at Tabunan Baptist Church with Pastor Tumalak. This was a special Sunday because June 9 was Pastor Tumalak's birthday. If you haven't already, you can read all about our Sunday in Tabunan on our website: <https://valiantes.com/2019/06/12/being-an-answer-to-prayer/> The day was filled with joyful singing, celebration, and testimonies of thankfulness for Pastor Tumalak's ministry.



Our transition is going very well. We are hosting meetings with prospective students, and we are grateful for those who have already registered for classes. We are offering 5 courses this semester. I will be teaching 2: Hermeneutics & Greek Grammar 1. Then we have 3 visiting professors: Dr. Yoh Shirato (Apologetics), Dr. Dean Taylor (Expository Preaching), Professor Mark Kittrell (Creation to Consummation). We are thrilled to have each of these men come and teach these ministry-impacting courses.

Also as an update, my book, *God Gives More Grace*, was released by Regular Baptist Press earlier in June. You can order a copy on the book website: <https://godgivesmoregrace.com/>

One final note to keep in prayer: We are working on getting a more permanent Visa. Right now we have a Temporary Visitor's Visa that covers one year, but has a period of stay of only 59 days. This can be renewed after the 59 days, but the costs will add up. So, we are applying for a 9g Missionary Visa which will only need to be renewed once a year. It will still cost a good bit (especially on the front end), but will be less expensive (and less of a hassle) than trying to renew a Temporary Visitor's Visa. We finally have all of the paperwork in order, and our documents are supposed to be submitted today! Please pray that our application will be approved quickly. Once everything is approved, our entire family will need to travel up to Manila (with our sponsor – Pastor Jun) for an interview. There are a lot of logistics in all of this, and we would appreciate your prayers on our behalf.

We are grateful for your continued support for our family. Please be in prayer during this transition, and 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

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.

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 1st Semester at Haven of Grace Seminary
For a speedy approval of our long-term Visa application

Praises To God:

For health and safety in our first month in the Philippines
For opportunities for ministry already in local churches
My book (*God Gives More Grace*) was published and is available for purchase