



THE VALIANTE FAMILY

Equipping and Training National Pastors in the Philippines



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Dear Supporters and Friends,

HAVEN OF GRACE SEMINARY HAS LAUNCHED! We give thanks to God for a wonderful start to our inaugural semester. We are thankful for so many who have prayed and financially supported this work to make Haven of Grace Seminary a reality. We desire to establish this seminary on the island of Negros (Philippines) to equip and train national pastors here (and to see a generation of men who will go throughout Southeast Asia proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ).

Our first event at the seminary was a Student Orientation Fellowship held on Saturday, June 29. We invited our students, along with their families to join us for an informal time of fun and fellowship. Close to 40 people attended and we were grateful for the opportunity to get to know not only our students better, but their families as well.



Our first day of classes was held on Monday, July 1. I was privileged to teach Greek Grammar 1 and Hermeneutics on that night. After years of preparation and planning, it was just great to get started. The students have been engaged and excited to learn more about the Word of God.



On July 2, our first block course, *Apologetics*, began with Dr. Yoh Shirato. We are thankful for Dr. Yoh and his friendship, as well as his knowledge in this subject. This was a time of “stretching minds” for our students as they dealt with some very deep concepts throughout the 2 week course. In addition to the reading required during the two weeks of

classes, students will also have to turn in a 6-page book review and take their final exam. Dr. Yoh helped get things off to a great start!

Dr. Dean Taylor is now with us teaching *Expository Preaching* (which will finish up on July 25). We will include an update on this course in next month’s update.

Finally, we want to thank those who have prayed for our transition. We are slowly getting used to how to shop, prepare meals, and just live here in the Philippines. We have found lots of new recipes that work well here from gluten free bread (for two of our children), to pancakes, to grilled cheese to spaghetti and gravy (what we call spaghetti sauce). We are slowly adjusting to a new life here, and thank you for your prayers.



We are grateful for your continued support for our family. Please continue to keep our family in prayer. Pray especially for an interview in Manila on July 31 as we make application for our long-term visa (9g Missionary Visa).

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

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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 an approval of our long-term Visa application (We travel to Manila on July 30-31 for an interview for our visa – Please be in prayer for this trip).

Praises To God:

For ministry opportunities we have had in local churches
For a great start to Haven of Grace Seminary. We have 16 students enrolled in our first 4 courses offered.