



THE VALIANTE FAMILY

Equipping and Training National Pastors in the Philippines



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Dear Supporters and Friends,

WE MADE IT SAFELY BACK TO THE STATES! It is hard to believe that we have been back in the States for just over a month now. Thank you to everyone who prayed for our safe return. It was certainly not without its share of struggle and uncertainty, which only added to the usual stress of transporting a family of 7 all the way across the globe. (As you can see from the pictures, traveling can be pretty exhausting!) However, God was kind and gracious to our family, and answered some very specific prayers regarding the documentation needed to travel, along with the health for each member of our family. Very few things have gone “smoothly” over the past four months, and this trip was no exception. However, we are now being refreshed and encouraged as we made it back to our home church, Lighthouse Baptist, and have had the opportunity to reconnect with our family in Pennsylvania as well.



Our home (and sending) church, Lighthouse, along with other supporting churches, have taken such good care of us in our return. When we got back to the Haven of Rest (Lighthouse’s Missions House), we were greeted with a stocked Fridge and Pantry with lots of things we have been missing over the past year (especially fresh dairy products!). We want to thank each one who has prayed for us over this past month, and especially those who have sacrificially given to meet some of the unexpected needs which have arisen due to the interruptions to our travel plans.





One such need was to find a vehicle for transportation once we arrived back in the States. We were so grateful to connect with a ministry called Christian Missionary Technical Services (CMTS – you can check out their website at <https://www.cmtsministries.com>), which was able to loan us a vehicle. They were such a huge help, especially since we weren't really sure when an opportunity to return to the States would arise. So, month after month, cancellation after cancellation, I would send an email to Joel (the gentleman who was coordinating the details of our vehicle), and apologize for yet another delay. Joel was patient, and really just wanted to minister to our family. Once we were fairly confident of our return at the

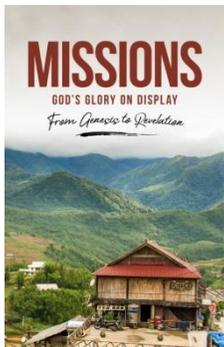
end of June, I reached out to Joel once more, and he let me know that there was a vehicle waiting for us. What a blessing to have that concern lifted off of our shoulders. Once more, thank you to those who have prayed about this need, as well as those who have already given toward it.

Now that we are back in the States, we have remained busy. We are trying to figure out the best way to continue ministering to Filipino pastors (even while we are away at present). We are hopeful to return to the Philippines at some point in 2021 (though we are unsure of the exact date). So, in the meantime, we are working on plans for some online courses to offer in order to continue helping equip and train national pastors in the Philippines.

Just a couple of weeks back we had the chance to visit one of our supporting churches at Twin City Bible Church in Nitro, West Virginia. What a great weekend to reconnect with this loving church family. We were greatly encouraged by their fervent love for the Lord (and for us). We actually made this a “weekend getaway” for Sarah and me. After leaving the kids with Grandmom and Pop Pop for some much needed time together, Sarah and I drove to West Virginia on Saturday, stayed in a beautiful hotel



Saturday night, got to spend the morning with the good folks at Twin City on Sunday morning, and then travelled back to Pennsylvania on Sunday afternoon. Although it was a short “getaway,” it was the first night away we have had for over 2 years... and let me tell you 2 years is way too long!



One final note: I am proud to be a contributing author for a Teen Devotional published by Glow Publications titled, *Missions: God's Glory on Display from Genesis to Revelation*. Stay tuned to our website (and future updates) about how to get a copy of this valuable resource for you or your church family.

Once more, thank you for your continued support, and especially for your prayers on our behalf.

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

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Prayer Requests:

- For wisdom in knowing how to most effectively minister to Filipino pastors while we are in the States (and for wisdom in knowing when to return to the Philippines)
- For opportunities to minister in churches (and to folks) while we are here in the States

Praises To God:

- For safety and health in traveling back to the States (We thank the Lord that our family did not have to split up during our trip!)
- For the rest and refreshment (along with time with family) we have enjoyed since returning to the States