



Faith Overseas Mission

Training Philippine Nationals

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Dear Friends,

As we are enjoying autumn here in Virginia, the cooler days and nights and changing leaves, we trust that you as well are enjoying each day of this season. Our family is busy, like everyone seems to be these days, running faster and faster yet never seeming to "catch up". I believe that there are spiritual factors at work because of the lateness of the hour. Time is indeed running fast these days as it is also running out.

Our daughter, Andra, has been in the Philippines over seven weeks now, halfway through her 3-month stay. We are excited for all the ways the Lord is using her there in Manila at the Vine Church, though we must confess to missing her help with the ministry on this side of the world. She is involved in the daily work and ministry outreaches of the church, holding Bible studies and English classes as well as in the home visitation and children's programs. Please pray for her fruitfulness and for her continued health and safety.

We are thankful for how the Lord is blessing our other children. Landon and Joey are doing well at Pensacola Christian College as they prepare for life and service. They both have lovely girlfriends that we believe to be gifts from the Lord, as they already better the boys in every way. ☺ We are looking forward to the holidays when everyone is at home and together.

As many of you have already heard, FOM received a shock on August 16, when our beloved treasurer and board member of over 15 years, Mark Bryant, suddenly passed on to Heaven. Acts 13:36 says of David, "...after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep." Mark quietly and steadfastly served the Lord with his life. He never desired the spotlight but was content to serve faithfully from the sidelines. His heart was completely given over to loving his Savior, his family, and God's family. Only at our gathering together in the presence of Christ, will all he accomplished for the Lord be revealed. Mark desired his family to know the Lord and to serve Christ alongside him and he left a great legacy. We will continue to miss him until we see him again in Heaven. We ask for continued prayer for his family as they face this great loss.

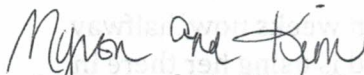
We have been given wise counsel to update our ministry information and we are taking steps to do so. We are so grateful for those who have stepped up to help us these past several weeks. The board has decided to seek another professional CPA to take care of the needs of the ministry. Mark did a great job at his own expense for so many years and we believe it is time to hire someone to fill his post. We are in the process of setting this up.

You have been so supportive of this work and the next letter will give a more detailed report of how God is growing the churches in the Philippines. They continue faithfully, despite trials and floods during this monsoon season. In each communication they entreat us to let you know how much they appreciate your support and prayers. They we so thankful to receive the shipment sent in July of Sunday school materials, Bibles, books, and clothing. A blessing for each of the pastors was the gift of a "prayer blanket" made by a dear friend of FOM.

We will be collecting the "Christmas Rice Offering" money as we do each year before Christmas. This money is used specifically to purchase bags of rice for each of the pastor's and worker's families. If you would like to give to this fund please mark your check for "Christmas Rice" and every penny will go to that cause.

We thank you more than words can say for your prayer and support of FOM. May the Lord bless His work in the Philippines and bless you for loving Him as you do and caring about lost souls.

For Him,


Myron and Kim Powell