

We are going to 2nd Mile!

Dear friends,

We thank God for folks like you who are journeying with us. God has been answering our prayers (and yours too)!

**Family News:** The week before school started, we had a chance to go on a road trip with my (Wayne) parents to Barker-ville, Jasper, and Banff. Most parents at their age would shy away from such a long time on the road, but, I'm thankful my parents joined us for this trip. It was a great time as we marvelled at God's creation all throughout the trip. ... On another note, after coming home from visiting my parents last week, Phoebe asked me if I



had noticed that my dad was quiet and to himself. I said, "Now that you've mentioned it, yes, I did notice". I slept on it for the night. The next morning I felt prompted to ask Jouren if he had mentioned anything to my parents about us moving to the Philippines. Jouren said yes. My initial response was, "Oh no!" because I wanted to honour my parents' request not to talk about it and just to let them know a month before we were to leave. After a few minutes of gathering my thoughts, I told Jouren that I was not upset at him for letting the "cat out of the bag" since now my parents have a whole year to process this. **Please pray that my parents will give their blessing by the time we leave. More importantly, please pray they (parents, sister and her husband) will come to know our Lord Jesus in a very personal way.**

**Partnership Development:** Since receiving approval from our church leadership, we have slowly begun the partnership development phase of our journey. We realize that it's not just Wayne, Phoebe and Jouren who are going to the Philippines, but it's us **plus** all who have signified their desire to partner with us—whether it's by prayer, financial support, or advocacy. As the song goes, "we're all in this together". We have had a few opportunities to share about God's kingdom work in the Philippines. After sharing at an OMF prayer meeting, we felt some were moved as they learned of the plight of the street kids in Manila. Earnest prayers were made for the people and the work at Second Mile. We are so encouraged that God is stirring hearts. We'd like to have more opportunities to share God's story with churches, small groups or individuals. If you have any leads, we'd appreciate hearing them. Thank you. **Please pray as we continue to share our story with others, may more people want to be involved in God's kingdom building among the street children in Manila.**

**Present Ministry:** In the meantime, we both continue on with our ministry at Southside. We have had friendships formed from the Bible studies with Mandarin folks the past years. We long to see them come to an understanding of who Jesus is. On Tuesdays, we lead the Conversation Corner for the new immigrants in our neighbourhood. We are also involved in our mission groups held every Wednesday night where we encourage each other in the Word and in our deeds. Some people may comment that we are such busy people. But, because we love what we do and long to see more come to Christ, God is giving us joy as we go about doing His work. But, ultimately, we are reminded that it's our own relationship with Him that really counts. **Please pray we will have a vibrant walk with Jesus as He teaches and guides each step of our way. Please pray for the new immigrants who come to the Conversation corner, may our conversations be meaningful and lead to spiritual matters.**

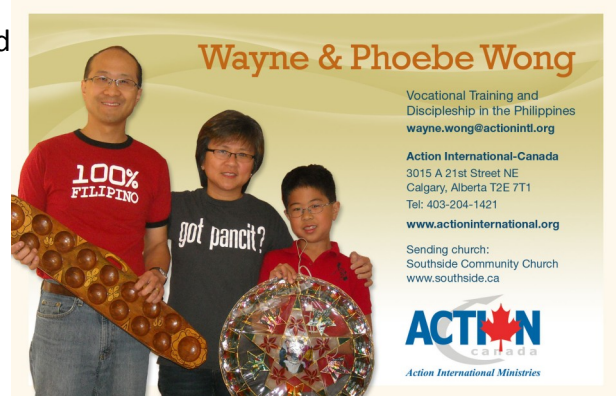


**Jouren's Corner:** This year I am joining the Ride for Refuge on October 16. My mom did it last year, but this year, I want to do it instead. I am trying to ride 10K to help the refugees and the others who need help. I am also enjoying school—I am in Grade 4 at Clinton School. My favourite subjects are: Math, French and Science. **Please pray that I will finish the Ride, and for my schoolwork. Thank you.**

**The Figures:** Some of you have asked us how much we need to raise for us to be able to live in the Philippines: It is \$4000/month and \$12,500 one-time moving expenses. At present, we have received a few pledges for our monthly support and about 33% of our moving expenses raised! **Thank you Lord for your provision.**

**Prayer:** We have prayer cards to help remind people to pray for us. Please let us know if you'd like one, and we'll be glad to mail it to you. Action would like us to have 40 committed prayer partners. We now have about 20. If you haven't already informed us, and want to be part of the 40, please let us know. Thank you. We appreciate you and your friendship. Please let us know how we can pray for you.

Blessings,  
Wayne, Phoebe and Jouren



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