

Dear friends,

“Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.” As I pondered what to share with all of you, these words came to mind.



As I look back at the last 3 months, our strength has been renewed as we have seen our financial support increase from 40% to 70%. While you may rejoice with us we don't want to focus strictly on our support level and forget about who is really holding us up. It is those who have become part of the team sending us to the Philippines. During the Filipino Night we did a power point presentation of our work. And I showed one slide illustrating what partnering with God on his mission entails— using 6 human silhouettes standing side by side with each symbolizing: us, sending church, prayer partners, financial partners, friends, families, and advocates. We are thankful for all of you who are



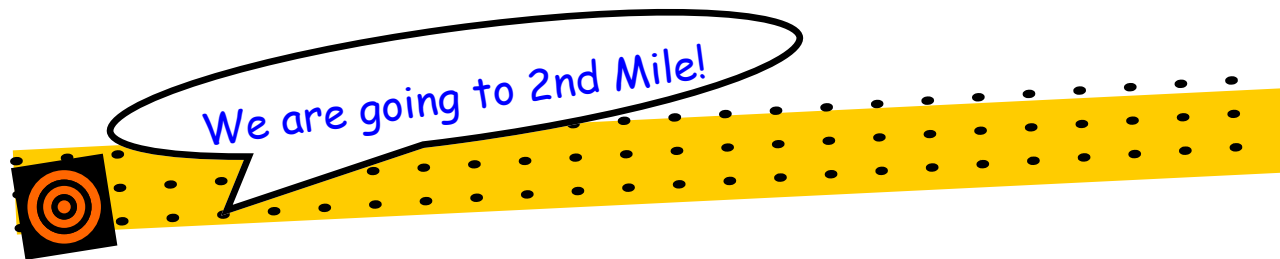
playing one of these roles so far in our journey. Without these 6 partners we would not be where we are today. We are all in this together and we are so thankful to God for you all. **Therefore, as God has been renewing our strength may you also be strengthened!**



We would like to find a nice big rock and label it “Filipino Night”, and let it be a reminder to us of God's faithfulness. A week before the FN, we were still at a loss what to do, what to present, what to serve. But, after humbling ourselves before God and each other, after dear friends have counselled and guided us, and people like you have prayed, the Lord started uniting our thoughts together. Held at our church, Southside Community Church, we had an overwhelming response from many of the 90 people who came to hear about our ministry. Our friends at Southside, completely took over that night – taking care of the logistics, set up, clean up – allowing us to mingle with our guests. Friends, old and new, came and listened to our story. What an encouragement! It is our prayer that more will be made aware of the needs in the Philippines especially the street children. **We would be glad to present a “Filipino Night” at your church or community. Let us know if you could advocate for us.**

At times the waiting hasn't been easy. When we went away with my family over to Parksville, my mother and I went for a walk. She asked me if we were still planning our move. After I said yes, she began to express her grief. The following days and weeks, I began to feel discouraged and guilty. While I know my decision will hurt my parents, I realize I must follow my heart's call. **I continue to entrust my parents and sister to God.**





**What's next?** At this point, ACTION has informed us that we need to raise at least 95% of our monthly support before we can book our plane tickets. At present, we are at 72.6%. Some of you have generously given one-time gifts – these are going towards our moving and set up expenses. Thank you to all who have given and have committed to give. You are our partners in the good news! We understand that these are not exactly the best of times, which makes your giving and commitment even more valuable. May the Lord bless you as you have indeed blessed us.

Some people would like to see actual figures than percentages. So, we thought we'd list down what our finances really look like.

Monthly support needs for Wayne, Phoebe and Jouren: \$4000

    Combined salary - \$2450 (includes taxes and CPP deductions)

    Work funds - \$1550 (includes Action administration deductions)

Outgoing setup costs: \$13,325 (includes airfare, household set up, and taxes on set up costs)

Language tutor for Wayne: \$3000 (for a year)

So, with regards to our monthly needs, at present, we have partners who are committed to give a total of \$2905 monthly. In terms of our outgoing and other one-time costs, we have reached our target of \$16,325. The excess we have received will be used to buffer our needs while in the Philippines.

**Drop us a line.** You have been very patient with us as we have journeyed over the years. We would also love to hear what's new with you lately.

Advent is coming up soon, and of course, Christmas. May this season indeed be full of hope and meaning as you look towards Jesus as our source of peace, joy and love.

With love and appreciation,  
Wayne, Phoebe and Jouren

**Praise and Prayer Items:**

We seek the perfect timing for our departure.\* Pray for Wayne's family to come to an understanding of our move to the Philippines.\* Pray for Jouren as he anticipates moving. Pray for adjustment. \* Phoebe's sister, Connie, finished her last chemo in October. She needs guidance what to do next. A place to stay after we leave, a job, and many other decisions need to be made. Pray for healing. \* Thank God for the partners He has raised so far. Pray for more to fill in the gap. \* Please pray for more opportunities to share our story. \* We are welcoming immigrants in our neighbourhood. May God bring people of peace who would be open to learn more about Jesus.

*This year, we have had visitors stay with us almost every month, well, 7 out of 11 months. The latest one has been my brother and his family. Believe it or not, they stayed with us at our 2 bedroom basement suite. We had 9 people altogether with only one washroom! It was an interesting time of practicing patience, bringing peace to each other, and having fun. I would tell my friends that this is true Filipino style. Because even though we (in North America) would feel this is so stifling, cringing on privacy, etc... In the Philippines, people live together because they simply have no choice. They have nowhere else to go. I was glad for this 3 week experience as it had taught me a lot. Not to mention it was such a delight to wake up to 2 girls running around, singing, laughing (and crying).*

