



Dear Praying Friends,

Recently I started a study on the Apostle Paul's joyful letter to his dear friends in Philippi. When I studied chapter 1:3-11 I thought of and prayed for you, our dear friends and supporters. Mary Ann and I thank our God "because of your partnership in the Gospel" (vs. 4 NIV) because without you, we could not report the following. Truly the ministries we are responsible for are a partnership between God's people worldwide and many give thanks for the grace extended to them which overflows to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 4:15

1. Downsized, simplified and mobilized

Thank you for praying for us over the last month as we have had a smooth transition from one apartment to another in our building. As you know moving, even though only one floor down for us, is a lot of work. Mary Ann has done a wonderful job administrating this move and making our new place to feel like home which is a place of rest and hospitality for which we give thanks to God. Moving to a smaller place and simplifying our life-style puts us in a better position to be prepared for the next lap in our missionary race.

2. Fish & Bread Feeding Ministry and Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)

Last week our church in Manila, Greenhills Christian Fellowship, gave us several boxes of highly nutritious beans and noodles along with cans of mixed vegetables which we will use in our Fish & Bread Feeding Ministry. We are grateful for this donation and ongoing partnership with our church.

* Risen Savior Missions based in Minnesota, which sends FMSC food to the Philippines regularly recently gave us 15 cartons of FMSC food which is a huge help in meeting the demand for this product. We have now sent these cartons to Marinduque province to assist in a partner ministry's feeding program there. We also received word that Grace Church Eden Prairie's missions committee has approved \$10,000 to be used to send FMSC food to us so in the next several months. We'll be receiving several large boxes of this food which will help us respond to the *many* requests we get from pastors and agencies to help them minister to their communities.

** San Mateo feeding and medical clinic. Last Thursday we served over 100 patients in our medical clinic in San Mateo, Rizal of which we've written about previously. As you recall, this area was washed out by raging flood waters due to typhoon Ondoy September 26. Following the clinic we fed 100 children in our feeding program in partnership with Blessed Hope Community Church and community leaders. We also visited a family which is hosting one of the three weekly Bible studies which Blessed Hope is handling and throughout the course of the day, many people expressed their appreciation for our ministry there. I had tears in my eyes watching our team lovingly talk with and minister to these precious people who have suffered so much but are now experiencing the grace and tenderness of God. A recent visitor from the

ACTION USA office who was with us for the clinic and feeding said, "this ministry has bread in one hand and the Word of God in the other."

3. Another huge fire in Navotas City

You've read about our fire relief ministry in our 3rd quarter "Yes, Lord!" newsletter which you received last week. Thursday evening another *huge* fire wiped out an approximate 3,500 homes along Manila Bay. Most, if not all, of these families fish for a living and are very poor living in shanties on stilts over the water. Since the fire our team has received several requests for aid. One request was a phone call I received before 5am Sunday from a pastor as I was preparing for my day of ministry. We are ramping up a relief operation for later this week in partnership with Christ Forever Fellowship Church, a longtime partner, which has become an evacuation center for the homeless. Pray for us as we organize the operation and minister God's grace to the suffering.

4. The fast-approaching Christmas ministry

As we enter into September, we start preparing for our busy season of Christmas Evangelistic Parties in partnership with churches and agencies for street children and their families, prisoners, victims of disaster and both the urban and rural poor. It takes several weeks to mobilize people, train workers and schedule these parties so that when December arrives, we're ready to go. Pray that the Lord will move people to give generously to this ministry as I have seen year after year since 1985 how fruitful it is. Recently I wrote a letter on behalf of ACTION International's worldwide evangelistic Christmas party ministry and you may read it at the following link: <http://web.me.com/jma.anderson/Site/Christmas.html>.

5. Seattle and LA Trip

For many reasons, our trip to Seattle and LA is proving to be providential. One reason is that our daughter Micah and her husband Danny Scott will be moving to Spokane the first part of October where Danny will be working for a company called Olive Tree Bible Software doing marketing, sales and training. They are also looking forward to purchasing their first home. Danny and Micah have realized that they are not yet ready for overseas service but at this time need to put down roots together. They will remain connected with ACTION on a volunteer status. So we are grateful the Lord provided for us to be there during their time of transition as they finish at ACTION and get settled in Spokane.

While in Seattle we will be meeting with Doug Nichols and Nelson Reed to discuss my future ministry as ACTION's Senior Consultant for Children-in-Crisis Ministries. On September 26 we will be ministering at the Kingston Christian Church during the 9 and 10:30 services. October 7-12 we look forward to spending time with Amos and visiting friends in the LA area. We will be back in Manila late on October 13.

6. Philippines' hostage-taking crisis

Possibly you saw in the news the tragic deaths of 8 Hong Kong tourists and one disgruntled former Filipino policeman who took their tourist bus hostage on August 23. This whole-day event was broadcast live on local TV as well as around the world and now the Philippine government is taking severe criticism from the Hong Kong government and its citizens in the way it was handled. Sunday in Hong Kong there was a massive march protesting the way this event ended. There are approximately 200,000 Filipinos who

work in Hong Kong of which some have voiced fears of retribution. Pray that the Philippine and Hong Kong governments will get to the bottom of what happened in failing to solve this crisis safely.

Closing:

While I have been writing various ministry reports and 2 newsletters the past few weeks, Luke 19:10 has continually pulsed through my mind and heart which the Holy Spirit uses to motivate me in ministry. This verse is Jesus' mission statement and He says, "For the Son of Man came to *seek* and to *save* what was *lost*." Christ Jesus truly is our Redeemer and moves His people to spread the message of salvation to the people around us. When I look out over Metro Manila, I see two things clearly: 1, the lostness of people; and 2, Christ building His kingdom as His people are spreading the message that Jesus still saves. If I didn't believe in the sovereign grace of God and His love for each of us, I would have quit a long time ago as we continually deal with gut-wrenching, heartbreaking, mind-bending situations but His grace and calling upon us enables us to remain steady and persevere in our ministries to the poor and needy. Thank you for your prayers, financial support and partnership in the Gospel. We are grateful and give thanks to God for you.

Sincerely in Christ, your fellow servant,

Jeff

"Yes, LORD, walking in the way of your laws, we wait for you;
your name and renown are the desire of our hearts." --Is 26:8 NIV

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