



Hey Hey
Jim & Gloria Craig

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Hey Hey,

I do realize that this letter follows close on the heels of the last but changes are taking place quickly in our life. About six weeks ago I informed you that I was about to take an emergency furlough to be with my mother as her time in this life was drawing near. Then several weeks ago I informed you that a few hours before we departed the Philippines my mother passed away. This left me in a state of beginning my furlough processing grief. Two weeks after we arrived here in the States Gloria departed back to the Philippines.

Soon after Gloria was home she was mentioning some of Timi Louise's odd peculiarities to a neurologist friend who suggested to Gloria that we have Timi Louise examined by a pediatrician who specializes in autism. Timi Louise was screened and we were advised to enroll Timi Louise in a therapy school for the treatment of autism.

This new unforeseen situation is requiring me to terminate my furlough just as I begin and return to the Philippines to join with Timi Louise as she begins therapy. It was suggested to us that one of the parents should be the "primary caregiver" who works directly with Timi Louise during the therapy and due to our positions in life it makes sense that I be the one who take on the mantle of being the caregiver. This I trust will turn out to be one of my greatest joys in life when all is said and done.

The flip side is that I will only be working part-time for ACTION for a season and after discussing the issue with my leadership it looks like I may get a reduction in salary; yet with my support being low I was already only get partial salary. I will still be the webmaster for actionphilippines.org, assistant Short-term Coordinator, and will even resume the international group Bible studies which I was planning on dropping as I started working with the sidewalk Sunday school teams. Lord willing, working with the sidewalk Sunday school teams is something that I will reengage as I truly am excited about their vision and work. But it appears that for a season the Lord wills that I care for my family and daughter.

As for our support; Gloria has been, and will continue, to pick-up all slack. I have the desire to continue to pay for our day-to-day expenses but I have not been able

to do so since last fall and with a reduction in salary will not be able to do so. I will indeed receive a reduction in salary so if you support please continue to do so. I do understand that these are hard times but we all must have faith in God who is our provider. We, the Craig family, truly desire to be an example of this. My work funds account will accumulate any excess (if any) and these funds will only be used for future ministry. Thank you all for your understanding.

Please do keep us in your prayers. I do not expect the next season of life to be an easy row to hoe but I am willing to roll up my sleeves and press on.

Jim Craig
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p.s., on the website below this same letter you will find that I have placed copies of the correspondence that I had with my leadership regarding this issue.

If you would like to give you can make checks payable to Action International Ministries, P. O. Box 398 Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043-0398 or 3015 A 21st Street NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 7T1, Canada. **Note that your check is for support of the Craig's.**