

Ellis Expressions



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Welcome and Thank You!

We want to welcome all who are newly receiving the "Ellis Expressions" newsletter! It's our prayer that you will be blessed as "we" - the Tagalog word is "tayo", meaning all of us together - serve the Philippine church. It takes a team. We also want to express our heart-felt gratitude to those of you who welcomed and spent special time with us during our furlough. You were a great blessing and source of encouragement, which was what we really needed. May the Lord bless you abundantly.



Graduation The flood last September prevented us from celebrating the completion of the Life Discipleship training with the three classes before we left for the United States last Christmas. Upon our arrival in Manila in mid-February, we busily prepared for their graduation, held on March the 12th. About 34 new grads and 55 spouses and past grads enjoyed great fellowship, comradery, encouragement, and admonishment to multiply the Life Discipleship training by counseling and equipping others based on the sufficiency of God's Word as they have been trained to do.

Flood relief It has been six months since 80% of Metro Manila was flooded. The water has finally receded from their homes. We were stunned to learn that Pastor Vic Maceda and his family are still living in their church sleeping on the pews. Pastor Edgar and family are no longer camping on the roof because the work was done to raise their ground-level floor. Pastor Val's home is scheduled for demolition by the government.

Where does he take his family? The stories go on. The Bible tells us that we will always have the poor and we know that God's heart is also with them. A heart-felt thank you to each one, each church, who participated in the flood-relief efforts. How we thank Him that we are able to help the poor in their moments of great need! How blessed we are together with you!

Home Assignment Time in the United States was good. We were not due for a home assignment, but several reasons brought us home for seven



weeks. We were encouraged by those we were able to spend time with as we shared the latest updates and on-going vision of the Life-Discipleship

ministry (Acts 15: 3-4). We wanted to see everyone, but the days were just too few! You can view the five-minute DVD presentation of what we do at <http://www.actioninternational.org> under our name. If you would like to have the CD, please use the response form with this newsletter or simply email your request to us. We believe it is a great presentation for small groups.



Prayer for Lord's leading for expanding our vision:

Training sessions have been held in our home since 2007. The Lord miraculously placed

us right in the center of Metro Manila just blocks from the main highway! Pastors and women-in-ministry have traveled up to five hours one-way to attend the weekly sessions. Our graduates now live and teach at both ends of the Philippine Islands. However, the majority of our graduates are in a limited area. We are prayerfully

considering weekly travel to a provincial city to conduct training in addition to classes in our home. New classes begin June 14.

Materials

Another vision is to form a translation team to translate the material we use into the local language of Tagalog. This team will prayerfully be made up of three to five individuals who have already been trained under Life-Discipleship. We would like to send this team to Hong Kong when the Biblical Counseling Foundation (BCF) conducts the next three-week seminar series for the use of their materials. Then BCF will officially recognize this team to do the translation work under their guidance.

Family prayer requests



Peter Bobby Pami

Bobby has passed all requirements for the Border Patrol. He appreciate prayer that he would be called to the academy soon and/or needs work for the summer. Peter and Lora are seeking the Lord's will in a major, life-changing decision. Pray all involved will know the mind of the Lord. Pami needs a day position at the hospital as she works to develop her missionary financial base. If you did not ask to be included in her mailings, please email her at nightingale@gmail.com

Parking



A major challenge upon our return was where to park our small Toyota utility vehicle. No covered, secure parking is available at the building where we live. After paying by-the-hour at a large parking shed within walking distance, we finally found long-term public parking in a major building about a mile away. The monthly rate is expensive but it is the only available place we found. Please pray with us for a closer parking solution.

Praise & Prayer



Thank you for being our prayer partner.

Praise for a grand celebration for our students. Some new grads are already teaching others.

Praise for the parking space.

Praise for a refreshing, uplifting Field Conference with our ACTION team.

Pray for the selection of students to begin class in June.

Pray

for the selection of those who will translate the training materials into the local language.

Pray for the presidential elections – for peace and the one who will carry the Philippines forward.

It's always a great encouragement to experience how God blesses the partnership between those who go and those who send. All praise to God for His marvelous design.

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