



Dear Family and Friends,

It has been many, many months since I've sent out our monthly prayer requests. During those months, Hilary has graduated from high school, at Faith Academy, we went home to the States for our furlough, Candice and Justin got married, I turned 50, we returned to the Philippines, and Tyler moved to southern California.

We arrived safely back in the Philippines on January 8th. I was getting over bronchitis, and a big personal answer to prayer was that my ears handled the pressure changes well. My brother, Dave, gave me a good divers' tip on clearing my ears, and I think that made a big difference.

My strength hasn't returned yet, from the bronchitis that started over a month ago. I've had days of feeling better, and then being sick again. I was visiting my Filipina doctor friend, Lynette, last week. Instead of just having a fun visit of catching up, she first checked out my lungs. She found that I had some fluid in my lungs, and told me to rest, take paracetamol, drink fluids, and that I'd be feeling better soon. It's been a week now, and I'm gaining strength and just in time, too, as I started teaching sewing again, 2 days ago.

I talked with Hilary on Skype last week, and it was so good to hear her voice. I hadn't been able to get through to her till then. She is planning to go on a mission's trip to Mexico with some other Ecola Bible School students in March. She told me that she is beginning to see some answered prayers concerning her trip. I was so excited, as I've been praying that my kids will see God working in their lives. Another answer to prayer in Hilary's life was when she had to drive back to Cannon Beach after her Christmas break, and it began to snow. She isn't a very experienced driver, but the Lord gave her a passenger, her friend, Kaja, who knows how to drive in snow, and she helped Hilary to get back to school safely.

We were thankful to hear that Tyler made it down to California safely. He is living with some young men that he knows from Faith Academy. He is planning to work for a year, and then go to school there. He's helping his roommates set up housekeeping by finding a used refrigerator for their apartment. An answer to prayer in his life was that he had a father figure, who mentored him for several months in Renton, before he moved to California. Pray that Tyler will continue the momentum in his spiritual growth.

Candice and Justin are back in school in Ontario, Canada, and settling into their apartment. An answer to prayer in their lives was having a girl move into Candice's old apartment with her 2 roommates. They had another girl planning to move in, but then she changed her mind at the last minute. There was still a lease for

the rest of the year, and Candice was going to have to help her roommates with the rent. What good news when they recently found someone to move into Candice's old room!

Another answer to prayer was that the day before Candice and Justin's wedding, there was a snowstorm, making travel difficult. The day of the wedding, the weather was clear and beautiful; the day after, another snowstorm.

Daryl and I are thanking the Lord for the funding that has come in for both Working Hands and Mustard Seed to begin classes again, on time. We don't have enough regular givers to know where the money will come from. Over and over again, we see the Lord work in people's hearts, and allow us to serve him by teaching our students.

So, I've realized that this is more of a list of praises than prayer requests, but I was reading in Psalm 145 last week, and was so blessed, that I wanted to share these thoughts with you. The whole chapter of this Psalm is very good, but I'll repeat only verses 4 and 5: "One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts. They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty, and I will meditate on your wonderful works."

Our children are 4th generation Christians, yet they need to still have a personal relationship with the Lord. I've been praying that they will see the Lord at work in their lives, and my cup is overflowing to see that answer to my prayers.

I heard someone say a few months back, "God doesn't work that way anymore." I've thought about that statement a lot. I don't want to put any of my mental limits on what God is or isn't doing today. I want to see him at work. I'm realizing also that to see God work, means that I obey Him, and not just in the big things. It's the small, willful things that I do that hinder the Holy Spirit. Pray that my heart is soft and listening to God speak to me.

It isn't easy being so far way from our 3 kids. I know that even if we were still in the States, the kids would still be going their separate ways, but the distance from here is so much greater. Modern technology is a big help, but still doesn't make up for being a long way away. It is a big sacrifice for us to be here without our kids. Yet, I am anticipating what the Lord will do through us during this coming term here. With great sacrifice comes great blessing. Daryl and I really want the Lord to work through us, now on the one hand we mourn the loss of the day to day contact, with our kids that we love, yet we are still eager to see the Lord at work here.

Thanks so much for your prayers. What a wonderful God we serve.

Love,

Sharon for the both of us

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