



October 30, 2010

Dear family and friends,

Thanks for your prayers and interest in our lives and ministry.

In my last prayer requests, I mentioned at the end that Daryl and I were planning a trip to Macau for our anniversary, because we found some very cheap airplane tickets. We were gone from the 3rd of September to the 7th, and we had a great time. Yes, Macau is a Las Vegas of the the East, but there is a lot more to do there than just gamble. We walked our legs off, and saw so many different things. We enjoyed visiting the grave of the first Protestant missionary to China, who translated the Bible into one of the Chinese languages, and also developed the first Chinese dictionary. Close by was also the grave of his wife and infant son, and also Hudson Taylor's father in law. We ate in a Portuguese restaurant, and our Filipina waitress was amazed when we spoke to her in Tagalog. She also thought it was funny to hear Tagalog spoken with an American accent. Daryl and I really enjoyed our adventure to Macau. "A change is as good as a rest."

On the downside, A little over a week ago, I was involved in an accident on the highway, a couple miles away from our house. A brand new car pulled out from a side road, and blocked both lanes in the direction that I was traveling. I couldn't stop in time. My only option besides hitting him, was to have a head on collision with oncoming cars. I chose to hit him, and ruined the front right side of our Asian utility vehicle, and the left front side of his 2 week old Honda. Praise the Lord no one was hit. The police investigator came, and told the man he was in violation, but never gave him a ticket. Commonly in the case of an accident here in the Philippines, the person who pays for the damages is the one that can afford it. When a white person is involved, it means the white person pays. In this situation, the Filipino driving the new car was a land developer. I was driving a 16 year old very basic van, and I'm a missionary working with the poor. The police didn't know who to say was to blame, so he told us that we had to work it out among ourselves. Eventually, the driver of the other car admitted he was at fault, but only after he called his insurance company and made sure that they would pay to fix

his car even if he was at fault. I was very surprised when just before we parted he said, Sorry, and shook my hand! Continue to pray for safety on the roads here.

Our co workers, the Root family, arrived back from their 3 month furlough, and Melita has been visiting the women in the barrio outside of 2nd Mile. With her visits and inviting the women to girls club, we had close to 60 women and children come last week. It's a challenge to get them quiet to listen to the Bible lesson, but also a blessing to see them using their Bibles, and listening to them reciting their memory verse from the month before. I taught the lesson from Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the publican, using my mom's old flannel-graph and easel. My grandmother and mom used to use flannel-graph, and I enjoy carrying on in their footsteps.

On Sunday mornings during the first hour for the next 2 months, I'm sitting in on Sunday School classrooms at our church, and giving evaluations. Most of the time the teachers are very willing to hear my feedback. I'm glad to see that we have so many good teachers in our Sunday School at Union Church. I'm also still teaching 5 year olds during 2nd hour, and I enjoy that.

Our pastor who was in a terrible motorcycle accident is making a recovery, and we are hearing of wonderful answers to prayer. Though spends most of his time in a wheelchair, he is able to walk a bit. Pray that he'll continue to gain strength, and that mobility will improve in his fingers.

We have finished our first semester at Mustard Seed, and so far, none of my students have quit! This is the first time that I've had the full 10 students this late in the program. Continue to pray that none will drop out. There have been some times that I've counselled some of the girls on their attitudes and actions, and that is not easy work, but I'm so blessed to see them growing and changing. All of us on the staff have been involved in challenging and counseling the girls for various concerns. Praise the Lord that across the board we have the same desire to see our students grow and mature in the Lord. Also pray for funding to finish out the year for Mustard Seed.

Daryl continues to teach Auto Mechanics and run the 2nd Mile campus, besides his involvement with the library at Union Church, and teaching a monthly object lesson to the children in Sunday School. Please pray for needed funding for his students in the Working Hands program. There are 33 boys in the 3 vocational classes at Working Hands, and it's costing a lot more to train them. However, we are also rejoicing at how the Lord continues to provide, bit by bit. We know it is the Lord's work, and though at times it is nip and tuck, we are still able to minister to the poor here.

Next week, many of us from 2nd Mile will make the trip to a neighboring island for the wedding of one of the young men on staff here at 2nd Mile. The trip involves a 2 hour car ride to the pier, a 2 hour ferry ride, and then further driving to the little church near the mountains.

We will leave the day before, and stay overnight at the house of one of the Working Hands graduates. It will be another adventure. Pray for this couple as they begin their lives together as a married couple. Their names are Anton and Princess. (Princess is fairly common name for girls here.)

One more thing, continue to pray for our kids. Even though they are all grown up, and far away, they are so close to our hearts. Candice and Justin, and Hilary are back in school, busy studying. Justin in completing his Masters in Urban Planning. Candice is involved in ministry on her college campus. Hilary just moved into an apartment with a friend of hers from Bible School. Tyler continues to work in Kent, and attends church at Bert and Annette's church.

Thanks for partnering with us in prayer. God bless you,

Daryl and Sharon Germaine.

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