

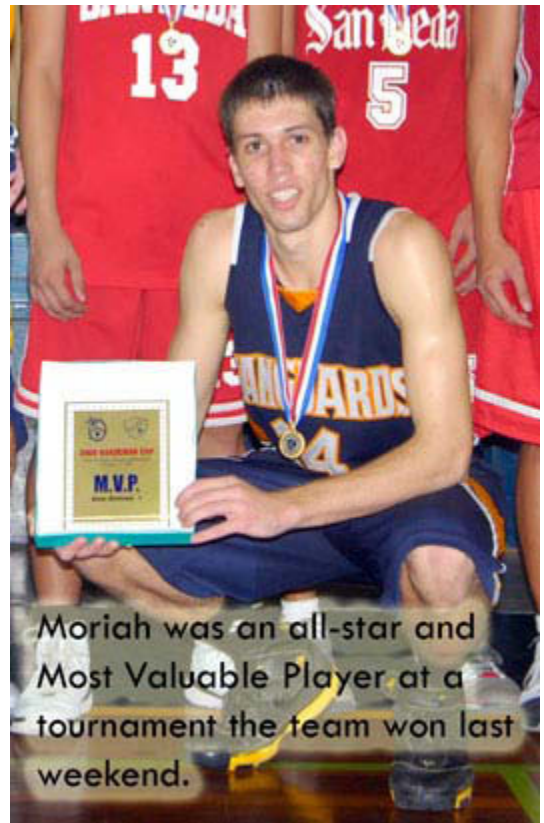


February 15, 2009

Mike & Cindy Gingerich

Disappointment. I'd like to ask you to pray this week for Moriah. As you might remember from his email a few weeks ago, he left yesterday morning for the Far East Basketball Tournament in Yokota, Japan. (A big thanks to all who helped sponsor this trip!) As a senior, this will be his last chance to take place in this event. It is something he's been looking forward to all season. We just got an email from his coach that Moriah badly twisted his ankle in a pre-tournament game there in Japan yesterday. The coach is hoping Moriah will be able to play Tuesday if he sits out Monday's games. Please pray that through this disappointment Moriah would learn to trust God in new ways and not become frustrated or anxious. Pray too that God would speed his healing.

The past weeks have been somewhat disappointing for me too in my work at Village Handcrafters. At the end of last month some pretty big blows all hit at the same time. First I received the bad news that Marwin, who I asked you to pray for a couple times last year, decided against my counsel to return to a sinful relationship with a woman who is not his wife. In talking (and crying) with him he knows what he is doing is wrong but he feels unable to resist the temptation. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to convict him and bring him to repentance. Next, one of our long time employees, "Boy," resigned because of health concerns. He is older (well, 50s used to be old) but it's still hard to see him go. Then our Philippine Director, "Dong," decided it was also time to move on. Pray that God would give him clear direction for his future and that he would help me as I take on added responsibility in his absence. Not only will we miss these employees but labor laws here (and a precedent we set) require that we pay a substantial separation pay to these workers. So it's a big financial hit too. The final disappointment was that our Village Handcrafters truck had a major breakdown. The mechanic says the block is cracked and the motor needs to be replaced. Replacing this will cost around \$2000 US.



Village Handcrafters has been able to survive the past few years strictly on revenues generated through the sales of our products. But having all these items hit at once is a bit too much for our bank account to endure. So we are asking the Lord to possibly provide for these needs through donations. If you'd like to help you can make out your check to Village Handcrafters, and send it to our International Director:

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2931 Long Hollow Pike
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If you have any questions you can call Ed on his cell phone: (615) 775-3799. All donors will receive a tax deductible receipt. 100% of what is given will be used for these needs.

Thanks you for praying for us,

Mike



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