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We arrived back at Second Mile early Friday morning a week ago, and it is good to be back and gearing up for ministry again. The campus is green and dripping with heavy rains as a typhoon is passing to the north of Luzon, and the roosters are still crowing.

Our flights and connections went well. I was concerned about the weight of our bags, and I was relieved to see that a number were right at the 49.5-50 lb range. The longest flight was from Vancouver to Hong Kong – around 12 hours which felt quite loong. I felt sorry for the man sitting in front of Malachi who had the back of his seat kicked . . . oh, about 512 times during the flight. Malachi and the boys slept for quite a few hours which was great. It was a little strange to be on a flight where almost all the flight attendants were wearing surgical masks. Swine flu fears? Makes you more aware of people around you coughing and sneezing.

It was great to return to our house which had been freshly repainted and the kitchen cabinets were redone over the past few months as the old ones were riddled with bok-bok which is a type of tiny ant or termite. We have been opening up barrels and unpacking for the past few days and have most of the stuff ready to go. It is quite different returning to a humid hot place in terms of the smell and condition of stored items – everything needs to be cleaned and washed.

The boys are happy to be back and have been running all over the campus playing with their friends. Malachi's first comment as we walked into our house at 2 am last Friday morning was AWESOME, so that was great to hear!

Next week I will be doing some more work to prepare for the upcoming batch of new students at Honest Hands as well as working on our Philippine Driver's license and other things that seem to take quite a bit longer here than in the West.

We will update you at the end of July, but do keep praying as we readjust to life in the Philippines and prepare for ministry and home schooling to start again in August.

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