



June 2009

The month of May has come and gone, and it feels like our time in Canada is coming to a close as well.

Some things that we are praising God about:

- Our family has enjoyed some good times enjoying nature – at Lisa's parents cabin in southwestern Manitoba, and last weekend at a cabin in Ontario. We are soaking in the clean cool air, peace and quiet before we return to the Philippines. Carl also had a great time on a canoe trip with some of his friends and his brother Marc.
- The Merienda Café fundraiser for Honest Hands camps and medical/dental needs was amazing! We had a fund raising target of \$1500 Cdn and over \$4200 came in.
- We went through the ordination process with the Evangelical Mennonite Conference and Carl will be ordained as a minister on June 28th at Pleasant Valley EMC. There was quite a bit of paperwork to work on (theological statements etc), and meetings with an examination committee as well as the ministerial of Pleasant Valley and the membership of our church. We are trusting God as He continues to lead and direct us to continue in full time ministry.
- Lisa has enjoyed being able to spend lots of time with her family. She has completed purchasing all the homeschooling materials for the next few years, so that is a big project! Continue to pray for her as she prepares to teach Gr.1, Gr.3 and Gr.5 in August.
- Carl had a great time sharing in a high school chapel at Faith Academy in Winnipeg. When he asked if any of the kids understood Tagalog / Filipino almost 25% raised their hands. So the group of teenagers were very interested in Honest Hands and ministry in the Philippines. They prayed for Carl before he left, which was encouraging.
- Carl preached on Romans 15:5-13 at Pleasant Valley church, and had an evening with the Senior Youth group sharing the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer – both of these came out of seminary assignments so it was good to make them practical and share them with others. He has also finished his responsibilities teaching Sunday School at Pleasant Valley, so it feels like many things are coming to a close – in a good way. He also finally finished his last papers for Providence and has fulfilled all the requirements towards his M.A. Now it really feels like he is done!

Prayer requests:

- Honest Hands Discipleship Camps: Melchor is directing two camps on June 8-12, and June 22-26. Ten young men from the street or rough backgrounds will be at each camp. Pray as we work on selecting ten young men from the twenty campers for the long term program starting in August. I have included a copy of the schedule for the camp at the end of this email. Pray that these young men will commit their whole lives to Jesus at the camps, and that the Holy Spirit will begin His work in them as they break free from addictions and lots of other negative things.
- We have shipped two heavy boxes to Manila full of home schooling material and other supplies – pray that these arrive at our office in Manila safely!
- It is always a challenge to pack, spend time with family and friends as well as be good parents for our boys. Pray that we would have lots of patience, wisdom and love in the middle of the stress of getting ready to leave. Each of our kids handles leaving a bit differently, and we need to be sensitive to that and show them lots of love and support. They have made good friends at school and will miss them.
- Working Hands has started another class at Second Mile – Wood Tech, Computers and the Automotive Mechanics program. Pray as the new students adjust to the program and that the discipleship program would help them strengthen and deepen their faith. One of the Honest Hands graduates is in the Wood Tech program.
- We want to send out one more hard copy prayer letter from Canada, so we appreciate your prayers as we work on that this week.

Upcoming schedule

- June 8 – 12 Honest Hands Camp #1
- June 22 – 26 Honest Hands Camp #2
- June 28 Our commissioning service and Carl’s ordination at Pleasant Valley EMC Church.
- June 29 Kids finish school
- July 8 Leave for the Philippines
- July 9 Arrive back in the Philippines
- August Target start date for Honest Hands Batch #7

Thanks for your faithful prayers and support of our ministry,

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