

On to 2nd Mile!

01 Newsletter Update February 2012

Dear friends,

“The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand.” Psalm 37:23-24

Our Journey So Far

1998 Wayne met Phoebe

1999 Wayne’s first trip to Philippines – felt totally out of his comfort zone

2004-2006 Wayne made more trips to Philippines – each time, volunteered and tagged along with an Action missionary

2007 Wayne took a vacation (did a short term missions trip) and his world was changed. Wayne told Phoebe about his call from the Lord to serve in 2nd Mile. Phoebe protested vehemently. Wayne waited patiently.

2008 Phoebe’s dad passed away. She flew to Manila for the funeral. On the flight back, Phoebe sensed the Spirit’s call. By the time the plane landed in Vancouver, she was willing to go.

2008 – 2009 Wayne and Phoebe sought wisdom, discernment, and approval from Action International and Southside Church. They discussed with their son, Jouren, and walked with him through the process.

2010 -2012 They started their partnership development – spoke at various churches and met individuals, shared the need to disciple street boys in the Philippines. Jouren came along to some meetings and helped with the powerpoint presentations.

2012 January Final approval given to book flights

2012 February Flights booked thru a generous friend’s mileage points

2012 April 30 We fly to Manila!



It has indeed been a long journey. But, we have learned so much from friends who encouraged us. Someone wrote: **“In our experience we have always noticed that God is in no hurry...the problem is, we are!!!** Another wrote: **“Wait for the Lord's timing and continue to live life to the full here before He sends you off.”** Therefore, we are learning to be emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually present each day as we do not want to miss an opportunity to join God in his mission to bless the people that are in our lives.

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Jouren's Corner

I am really happy I'm going to Philippines, because I'll be helping the Filipino boys at Honest Hands. :) But while helping spread God's word, I'm also going to miss my friends and family here in Canada. Also thank you to all of you who are helping us financially and spiritually. () ()

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See ya, (>#<)

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FINANCES

Even though we've been given the approval to go, we have not yet reached 100% of our monthly required support. At present, we are at around 94%. If you sense the Spirit's leading to support us, do email us and we'll be happy to answer any questions.

SORTING OUR STUFF

We are now starting to sort our belongings, deciding which ones to bring, store, give, or throw. We are looking for "homes" for some of our boxes. If you can help in providing some storage space, please let us know. It will be much appreciated.

PRAYER AND PRAISE ITEMS

Praise God for good meetings at different churches in January and February. We will be sharing briefly at Burnaby Christ Church of China this Sunday February 19. Wayne will speak at Basel Hakka Lutheran Church on February 26.

We are deeply thankful for how the Lord orchestrated our flight schedule. It is usually not easy to get flights on our preferred schedule using mileage points, let alone 3 seats! Thank God for our good friend who let us use his points.

Pray for Wayne's parents – that they may indeed come to an understanding of who God is, and realize their need for Him in their lives.

Pray that we may finish well in our neighbourhood, work, and school. God has been at work with our friends.

Pray for wisdom and discipline as we sort, throw, give, and pack our belongings.

Pray for us as we say our goodbyes to family and friends. It will definitely be an emotional time for us.

ACTION PRAYER GROUP

Thank you for those who have expressed interest in being part of the ACTION prayer group. Our next door neighbours have graciously opened their home to host the meeting on Feb 25 Saturday 1:00 – 2:30 pm at 6106 Marine Drive, Burnaby. (You can Google the directions or you can contact us if you need more info)

At the end of the day, we always thank God for what He has done. We also thank God for you - who journeyed with us patiently, gave so generously, and imparted wisdom willingly.

Blessings, Wayne, Phoebe and Jouren