

# Bringing Hope to the Philippines

## June 2010:

On the way home from HOJ yesterday, we noticed that there was a blackout in our subdivision, so we decided to head to a cafe until it ended. We found a new place that we had never gone to before that was very Filipino and noticed that the menu listed "Imported Coffee." With anticipation we asked, "What kind of coffee?" The waiter said, 'we serve Tim Horton's and Maxwell House'. I never really thought of Maxwell house being an "imported" coffee but I almost fell out of my chair when he said they served Tim's. Sadly, they were out of stock of Tim's so I settled for the Maxwell house.

Today is June 8th. On June 25th, Liz and I will be flying to Vancouver to begin our home assignment. We will spend about a week and a half in Vancouver and then we will go and spend some time with my family in Saskatchewan before visiting Liz's family in Pennsylvania. As of now, the plan is to begin studying at Briercrest Seminary in November of this year.

While we are very excited to begin studying and to see friends and family after having been on the field for two years, we are also feeling many other mixed emotions. We are going to dearly miss the friends we have made here and the ministry which has been a part of our lives for more than four years. Children that were only babies when I came are gearing up to start preschool or kindergarten. Children who were in the feeding program when I first came have graduated from the program and are starting high school! Young people who were just hanging out around HOJ are now working in the office and studying business admin in college! We have seen people like baby France become toddler France who is now, well sort of grown up. We have seen God's hand on all of their lives. He has poured out his mercy and kindness on many during our time here. Some of the connections we have made are very deep. It feels like we are getting ready to leave our family.

Last month we had the privilege of helping to host a team of students from Denmark called Euroclass. They have come and served with HFTN in the past and it was exciting to be with

them as they served the community and children of Agdao. Some of them were really good with the kids and they were able to make a real impact in all areas of our ministry.

Liz, Judah and I went and visited baby Jane and her mother Liza today. Depending on how our last couple weeks go, I don't know if we will be able to visit again. We have several loose ends to tie up and we want to visit several other people. Baby Jane has not improved, but Liza was in good spirits and it was good to talk together. I think that Jane smiled at Judah, but its hard to tell, since she is very weak and appears to be in a lot of discomfort. Judah definitely brought a smile to Liza's face. He is a very happy, friendly little guy. At the end of our visit Liz prayed for Jane and for Liza. All we can do is trust God. Please continue to pray for this family.

As we have been praying, thinking and dreaming about the future, there is a part of us that is really excited about the prospect of returning in a few years to serve again in the Philippines. I know it is a long way off, but we are so excited to be better equipped and trained to be able to make an even greater impact. Please continue to pray for us as we make plans and prepare for our future. A verse that we have been meditating on is, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps" (Proverbs 16:9).

That being said, this will be the last newsletter you will get from us from the field for a while. We will update you from time to time while we are home, but we have no plans for regular updates. So, we want to close this newsletter by just saying thanks. Thank you for praying, thank you for being a part of our journey so far, and thank you for believing in us. We also say a special thanks to all those who have supported us financially in the past months. We could not do it without you. Many hard days were easier to walk because we knew we were not alone.

This Sunday I will preach one last time at HOJ. It will be an emotional moment for us. May God be glorified.

*Liz, Judah and Dave*



A new addition to the extended Tabitha family.



Pastora Ellen and JD dropped by for a visit. Judah loves to share.

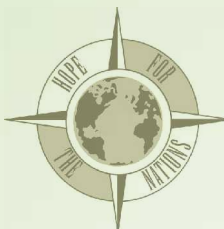


Can you recognize this handsome young man?



5 points if you can tell me what this sign means.

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