

Bringing HOPE to the Philippines (May 13, 2008)

"I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." Psalm 27:13

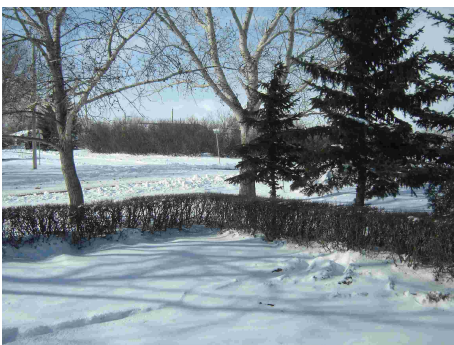
Hello from Pennsylvania! Liz and I are about two and half weeks away from getting married. Hard to believe that it has come up so fast. It seems like only yesterday that we were just friends working alongside one another in the Philippines. We are so excited for our up and coming wedding and things are slowly falling into place. Most of the major details are taken care of, we are just at the point of putting everything all together. It has been really good for me to get to know her family better, especially her dad. He and I have spent lots of time together working around their yard and I have been doing some work at the store he owns... guess I gotta earn my keep!

This time away from the ministry in the Philippines has been good I think as it has given me a chance to be refreshed and reenergized for the work there. You really see how much a place and the people mean to you when you are away for a while. As I talk to people here about being in missions and as I think and pray about it, I get excited to go back and to work there again. A few days ago I recieved an email from one of the young guys that I have been working with there. He told me congradulations for the upcoming wedding and to not worry about the bike that I let him borrow from me; that he would take care of it. Although it did not say much, it reminded me how much I love him and how much I feel like his older brother.

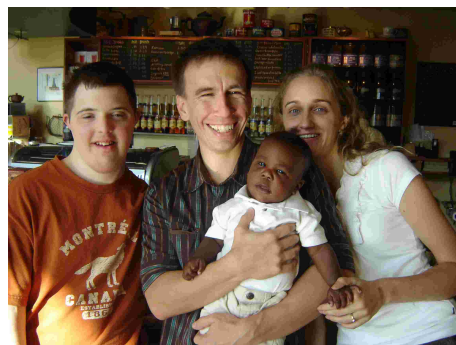
I have to also say how much I appreciate Valley Church. I know I have said it before, but I am very lucky to have a church group behind me who not only supports me financially but who is in prayer for me and who I can rely on for wisdom and direction. Thank you to those who give and to those who pray for me.

Please pray for Liz and I as we find our path as a couple in missions. Please pray for wisdom and anointing and for a fresh touch of God's Spirit. We will be returning to the Philippines on July 2nd and we will be in Vancouver on June 28th. We hope that we will have a chance to see you before we return to the Philippines. Also, we would love it if you would come and visit us in the Philippines. To have a chance to show you the ministry and to introduce you to the people we work with would be incredible. Don't worry, we will take care of you and make sure you enjoy yourself!

Love you all! God bless!



From the tropics to a Canadian spring in Saskatchewan... culture shock!



Me and Liz, her brother Micah, and her friends baby Malachi.



We can't wait to go back!

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