



## MUSTARD SEED DISCIPLESHIP VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

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*ACTION International Ministries, Philippines*

***Prayer Update: April 20, 2011***

Dear praying friend...

It has been four weeks since i arrived back in Canada, which i cannot believe. I am still adjusting to the cold and snow, slowly but adjusting.

In my few short weeks back, i have been on the road and busy. But the time has gone well!

Here are items for praise and prayer:

- A. Visits to date: Since arriving home, i have visited at 4 churches – in Williams Lake, BC; in Merritt, BC; in Chase, BC; and at my home church in Kamloops, BC. I have also made a trip to the ACTION office in Calgary, AB, to check in with our Canadian office. I am thankful that each trip went well...good traveling, little or no snow on the roads. PRAISE: for His traveling mercies!
  
- B. Material for Mustard Seed: At the church in Merritt, i was presented with a trunk full of cloth, supplies and a sewing machine. The week following my visit i packed up two boxes and shipped them off to the Philippines! What a wonderful blessing for the ministry. Thank you to the Ladies quilting group and the Merritt church. PRAISE: for the generosity of the people at the church.
  
- C. My Vehicle: I am blessed to be using again the vehicle i used on my last furlough. It is a Chev Malibu with cruise drive! At the end of my furlough i gifted the car to a friend. She cared for and loved the car while i was back in the Philippines. Two days after my arrival, she gifted it back to me. It is running very well. Thank you, L. PRAISE: for a good reliable vehicle to use.
  
- D. Back in the Philippines: Students in OJT. Since arriving back here, i have had word that 6 of our students are now in an OJT position. This is wonderful news for us. On the flip side, one girl who didn't do well in class was hired at a sewing factory, but didn't do well. She was let go from the position. We were concerned that she was applying for a job but thought she should try. Another student, also not recommended for OJT, applied to the factory but didn't pass the entrance exam. What she told our sewing assistant, I appreciated going through the application process. I now know what is expected for the job. I will continue to practice. PRAYER: continue to pray for our grads in OJT, and for the other grads who are looking for a job.
  
- E. My Kitty, Baby Girl: Just before i left for home, my female cat began to lick and chew off her hair. I took her to the vet who took hair samples. She suspected a fungal infection. She told me she would email me the results. I suspected a food allergy. It's been a month. Earlier this week i received an email from the couple taking care of my cats. Baby Girl was still licking and scratching. Lisa took her to the vet. The vet told her that yes, it was a fungal infection. I was disappointed that the vet did not email me. I emailed her. PRAYER: that the vet will get the medicine to Lisa to give to Baby Girl and that the hair issue will begin to heal.

This next week I head into the States and travel to our ACTION office in Washington. Then to Abbotsford, where I will be the speaker at a weekend missions time. The next weeks are: North Burnaby Baptist, Vancouver Island, St. Giles

Presbyterian Church, Prince George; Smithers E Free Church, E Free Church of Prince George. After this i head further north in BC and then into Alberta. Yes, lots of miles are ahead of me but I am looking forward to meeting with as many as I can. If you would like to share a chat over a cup of tea or coffee, please email me and I will arrange a time that we can me. I have pictures!!

Thank you for your continued prayers,

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