



**Hey hey,**

I trust all is well with all of you? A lot has been happening over here on this side of the world. We have just ended our summer and the school year is underway. Wow!!! What a hectic summer we had. We had three short trips that were nice but all back to back so it seemed to be a little overwhelming. But it was all enjoyable. I will put at the bottom of this email links to the photos if you wish to see.

Timi Louise and Gloria are doing well. This year we put Timi Louise in regular pre-school rather than the school for special development. This is the second week and it seems okay. We will see. Gloria is prepping for her busiest time of year now that the monsoon rains have begun. On the home front all is good and well.

Now for the excitement; praise God, while things are going so well at home an opportunity was presented to me. After praying about it and discussing it over with Gloria we thought that it would be good if I pursued it. The hardest part about the last two years was having to throttle back on ministry. I had difficulty at times accepting that God would call me half way around the world to sit in parking lots of hospitals waiting for my child to receive treatment. Sure, I read a lot; and to be honest in the last two years I've sharpened my theology. But still it made no sense and I always yearned to get back in the game. Yet it was during this time that I really got a chance to be involved with my local church, and that was great.

Recently I was approached by an elder of the church where we fellowship who asked if I would be willing to apply for a pastors position that the elders have recently created. I submitted my resume and lo and behold the elders contacted me for an interview. One thing lead to another and now today I sit in office typing this email as a fulltime time Pastor at Greenhills Christian Fellowship - Batangas. My responsibilities include Missions and Outreach, Christian Education ministries, and Worship Team coordinator. The Worship team coordinator will be a challenge as I have no musical ability but the church currently has a strong and talented music worship team lead by lay-men. I am also on the rotation of teachers for the English service. The best part of all of this is that what perked the interest of the elders was my proposal last winter of incorporating the work of the evangelist into the dynamics of the church. They want me to pursue this as a part of the Missions and Outreach aspect of my position.

The two main jobs that I have with ACTION will remain and that should not be a problem. As for Timi and her schooling, that, Lord willing, will go smoothly as well as her school is only a few miles from the church whereas we live twenty miles from here and she is there at school or at therapy all morning. At lunch time I pick her up and then take her home which results in a long lunch. This should not be a problem as the small groups meet at evening and I want to float around between them. I have already

been co-teaching one of them for a year now. I pray that all will work out well. I am very excited and ready to press on.

One last thought before I sign off; last time I wrote I mentioned that we were on the verge of starting a Christian school. That all collapsed. Gloria was not at ease with it and she would have been the primary investor. Then we found out that the guy we were going to get for the principle (another American) became a church planting pastor for another Baptist group (the church I am with is Conservative Baptist). Then the nail that closed the casket was that the cousin of Gloria's that we wanted as the primary advisor suffered a stroke last year, Gloria was sure that she would recover, but they (her family) never pursued the therapy to help her recover and then out of the blue her health slid and she passed away. In other words, the door closed.

May God bless richly you.

Jim Craig

Until He Comes

[Click Here](#) to see photos from the church where I now work, [Here \(Amanpulo\)](#) for trip 1, [Here \(Sydney\)](#) for trip 2, and [Here \(El Nido\)](#) for trip 3.

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