



Dear family and friends,

Thanks for praying for us. This is a busy time for us. The Working Hands students graduated on January 29th. This was batch 19. There were over 30 young men graduating, and over 400 people present at the graduation exercises. It is a joy to have three different vocational classes for the boys to choose from, after so many years of only offering Daryl's auto mechanics training. The Lord is good and faithful.

The graduation speaker was Darren Plett, from Manitoba. He pastors at fellow missionaries, Carl and Lisa Loewen's, home church in Canada. Pastor Darren has invited us to their town of Rosenort to report about our ministries to their church, and also to a group of Christian businessmen/farmers there. We have enjoyed our past visits. Most of the folks who live in Rosenort are evangelical Mennonites. We have enjoyed visiting a town where the majority of residents are Bible believing Christians. After growing up in liberal Washington state, it's really quite an amazing experience. Though they are Mennonites, they don't wear old fashioned clothing, and are gracious and friendly.

We are also planning to visit Candice and Justin in Kingston, Ontario in the Spring. Hilary is living in Spokane, and we'll visit her also. We will also plan a trip around Washington State, and possibly a trip to Oregon.

My Mustard Seed sewing students will be graduating February 19. This week we are getting ready for graduation. My part in the process is to guide the girls in preparing for their craft and fashion show. This takes place during graduation, so that everyone can see what the girls have been creating in sewing class. As we began our practice earlier today, it was quite something to see all their projects from the past 10 months lined up. They have put in a lot of work, and learned many things.

Four days after Mustard Seed graduation, Daryl and I will be flying back to the States. We plan to stay in the States for five and a half months, and to return to the Philippines on August 7th. Our furlough will start off quickly with involvement at my mom's church missions conference February 25 -27. The next week, March 2-6, we'll be part of the missions conference at Edgewood Bible Church, in Puyallup, which is Annette and Bert's church. We are excited to have the opportunity to share what the Lord is doing here in our corner of the Philippines. Pray that the Lord will be glorified as we share, and that those listening will be challenged to serve the Lord as he leads them.

It's hard for us to believe, but January 22 marked 25 years since Daryl and I came to the Philippines as career missionaries. The time has gone by so quickly! As we look out at the 2nd Mile campus from our

apartment window, I am blessed and thankful for the Lord's faithfulness to us, and for his provision throughout the years. We have been blessed, but it hasn't always been easy. There have been times of discouragement and disappointment, along with the blessings. Though all of it, the Lord has sustained us.

Recently, I was reading through the Minor Prophets at the end of the Old Testament, and saw a phrase in Zephaniah that I hadn't paid attention to before. In Zephaniah 1 :12, in part it says "I will search ...and punish those who are complacent,...who think, 'The Lord will do nothing, either good or bad.'" I have been guilty many times, especially as a young believer, of being complacent, and thinking that God would do nothing. When we think that way, we really are not seeing God for who He is. I pray that each of you will be excited about what the Lord is doing, and what he will do in the future.

This coming Friday, I'm planning to visit my friend, Celia in prison. I haven't seen her in about 3 months. The last time I was at the prison was 2 months ago, and she was under 'dorm arrest', and not able to visit me. I was sick during the past 2 times that I had hoped to visit the prison. Please pray that I'll be able to have a good visit with Celia, and share about the Lord with her again.

Please pray for health for us. I have had a runny nose for weeks now. I'd love to be over it soon.

Pray for safety in our travels, and for our coworkers that are taking up the slack in our ministries while we are in the States.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you soon. God bless you,

Daryl and Sharon Germaine.

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