



**Dear family and friends,**

We have been back in the States now for over a month, and the time has been flying by. So much has happened!

First of all, we had a nice graduation of my sewing students from Mustard Seed. It was touching to see their joy in their accomplishment. They did a very good job during their craft and fashion show as they displayed their various projects as part of the graduation program. Please pray that they will continue to walk with the Lord as they have now returned to their homes. Some of them are sewing in shops as On the Job Training.

I had a good visit with Celia at the woman's prison the day before our Mustard Seed graduation. She told me that she has been attending a Bible study in prison, and that she looked for one that was teaching the things that I'd been telling her from the Bible. She also told me that she had been baptized! Please pray that she truly understands that salvation is a free gift from God. As I was telling her that I wouldn't see her until August, Celia said that though we will be a long ways away, our hearts will still be close.

Things have been busy since we arrived Stateside on February 23rd. From the 25th-27th we attended the missions conference at my mother's church, Family Bible Church in Oak Harbor, WA. Then, March 2-6th, we attended the missions conference at Edgewood Bible Church in Puyallap, where Annette and Bert, and also Tyler attend. It was a blessing to be able to share about what we do in the Philippines and to meet other missionaries.

After the missions conferences, we started working on fixing up our furlough home, which is a 1973 Landau motor-home. We figured it would be cheaper than renting an apartment, and we could live in it if we bought a house that was a fixer upper. Our friends, Betty and Bernie Sellers have been a big help in making our motor-home a comfortable and cozy retreat. It's even drivable!

About 2 months ago, we received an inheritance check from Daryl's dad's estate. The timing was amazing, as we had been thinking and praying about buying a house while we are in the States. Because of the inheritance, we were able to buy an old farmhouse in Sumner. We still have some funds to fix up the house, and we plan to rent it out when we return to the Philippines. This is such a blessing as we are thinking about retiring in five or six years.

I had prayed that we would know which house the Lord had for us. We had wanted to buy a house on Whidbey Island, but we found that prices there are too high for us. I had also thought that I would be happy to

have a house next to a cemetery, as we then wouldn't have noisy neighbors or building of more houses next door. We also wanted a house where we could store our things that have been in storage for years. It is now difficult to access them in their present situation. I've always been partial to old farmhouses, and love fireplaces. Daryl really wanted a place where he'd be able to have a shop.

As Daryl was looking at homes for sale on the internet a couple weeks ago, he saw a house for sale that had just come down in price by \$20,000. We looked at it the next day, and made an offer. Three days later, our offer was accepted, and four days later, we signed the final papers! Even though we are now in our 50's, we are first time home owners!

Our 1930 farmhouse is located next to Sumner cemetery, has a large basement for storing our stuff, has a fireplace, and a shed at the back of the property where we should be able to park our motor-home. Though the foreclosed house had been empty for almost 6 months, it hadn't been broken into.

Our brother in law, Bert, has been a big help with giving us advice on a realtor and contractors who will be able to help us get our house in order. Through all of this, we see God's loving guidance and direction. He's opened the doors, and we've walked through them. You can pray that the fixing up of our house will go smoothly, and that we'll find good renters. We want to give God the glory for providing for us.

Right now, Daryl, Tyler, and I are in Spokane, visiting Hilary. Daryl and Tyler have been working on some cars of Hilary's that needed to be fixed up and sold. One of them got sold two days ago, and the other one is coming along well. We've also been able to see some of our friends and family in the area.

This weekend, we'll be traveling back to the Seattle area. Daryl and I will check on our house, and then spend the next few days in Snohomish. On the 11th, we'll fly to New York, and from there travel to Ontario to visit with Candice and Justin. We plan to visit with them for 2 weeks. I will then fly to Brussels, Belgium, to visit my friend with Doctors without Borders. Daryl will fly back to Seattle. By the middle of May, we will probably be staying in Sumner.

I've enjoyed getting in touch with some of you, and look forward to visiting and catching up with more of you.

Thank you for your prayers and love. Rejoice with us that we serve an awesome God.

**Love, Daryl and Sharon Germaine.**

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