



April-May, 2017

Dear Brethren at Grace:

The hot, dry days of summer are upon us here in the Philippines. We thank God for the blessing of having air-conditioning and the relief it gives. Thank you for your giving that makes this possible.

In the early part of April, Virginia was hospitalized for six days with pneumonia, and while she was there the tests showed that she has several other problems with her lungs. Two of those problems are permanent damage to her lungs which hinders her breathing and makes anything other than light exertion hard. The heat and the air pollution aggravates her breathing. She also has several air bubbles on her lungs that should they burst would cause serious problems. **PLEASE LIFT HER UP IN PRAYER.** We are seeking a second opinion to see if it agrees with the initial diagnosis. We are seeking God's will in all of this and are just waiting on Him.

On April 7 we had three students graduate from our high school, two from grade six, and 16 from pre-school. We praise God that we have been able to influence the children for God, and that He has used the school in bringing some of the parents to salvation in Christ. God and the angels of heaven rejoice over just one sinner that repents of their sins and accepts Him as their Savior.

There has not been any significant development in Virginia's court case. The last hearing was April 17 and it was postponed because Virginia was unable to attend.. We were expecting it to be dismissed then, but that did not happen. The next hearing is scheduled for June 14, and in that hearing Virginia is supposed to testify. **Do pray that her health will be to where she can.**

In these first five months of 2017, church attendance has been an average of 150 on Sunday mornings, 120 on Sunday evenings, and 105 in Thursday night prayer services. God is continuing to bless and we have visitors in almost every service. Several of the visitors have been returning for other services and we are hopeful that in the near future that God will save them.

God reminded us this past week of just how quick life can be over. A pastor friend of ours lost their nine year old son. He took sick on Thursday and was dead by Friday morning before the doctors could find out what was wrong. We are all, surely, just one breath away from eternity.

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers, for encouraging us through cards, email, and social media. We do not take for granted any of this and appreciate everything thing you do. THANK YOU FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF _____ IN MARCH AND THE ~~\$1225~~ IN APRIL.

For Christ Alone,

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