



# THE VALIANTE FAMILY

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

Blessings continue to abound in our family and ministry. Over the Christmas holiday we enjoyed some extra time with family. My sister, Andrea, and her husband, Andy, and their children were out visiting from Oregon. Along with my parents and my brother John and his family there are a total of 18 of us (with one on the way). Our children had a blast with their cousins for the two weeks we were together. Apart from a nasty stomach bug that went through the whole family (with the exception of Tim), our Christmas was a wonderful season of refreshment and fun.



During this time of transition, we have also been blessed to have a home at the Haven of Rest (Lighthouse Baptist Church's Missions House). This is a spacious, beautiful house we have been able to call "home" over the past month. Even though some things were different this year, we were still able to continue many of our holiday traditions. Like many, one of our traditions is to get a Christmas tree. Since we were splitting our time between staying in the Missions House and my parents' house, we decided to get an artificial tree for the first time. Sarah and the kids did a terrific job decorating not only the tree, but the entire house for this wonderful season in which we remember the coming of our Lord. We also got to continue many other fun traditions (one of which is making our favorite holiday drink – EGGNOG!).



In addition to opportunities to spend time with family, this has also been a fruitful month of ministry. I was privileged to speak once again at Bensalem Baptist Church for morning service on New Year's Eve. We then took our longest trip thus far (four hours) to visit Faith Baptist Church in Morgantown, WV. What a joy to get to know Pastor Treg and Carrie Spicer better during our stay, and to meet and reconnect with many within this great congregation. The following Sunday we had the chance to connect with Pastor Dan Lennington, and his wife Karen and their sweet family. We had a wonderful time sharing the ministry God has called us to in the Philippines, as well as getting to know the dear folks at Grace and Truth Bible Church (Hummelstown, PA).



As an update, Sarah continues to do very well in her 5<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy. I am amazed at how well she is handling homeschooling, caring for us, and carrying the newest member of our family. God's grace is readily apparent in her life! The children have also been such a great help and their attitudes have made this a joyful time in each of our lives.



Thank you once again for your support and encouragement. In the next few days, we hope to lay out some of our future plans and the timetables for our family to arrive on the field and launch of Haven of Grace Seminary. We are excited for the future and all that God will continue to accomplish.

Serving Christ,  
The Valiantes  
2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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### **CURRENT SUPPORT LEVEL: 39%\***

\*8% of this support is temporary and will end in June 2020

#### **Prayer Requests:**

For our schedule to continue to fill with meetings for the upcoming year (especially our trip out West in the fall)

For God to supply our financial needs, and our monthly needed support

For continued grace to our family during this time of transition

#### **Praises:**

For a great month of meetings

For safety traveling

For individuals who have partnered with us and have sacrificially given to support our family