



THE VALIANTE FAMILY

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

THIS HAS BEEN A MONTH OF SETTLING INTO THE ROUTINE OF LIFE AND MINISTRY HERE IN THE PHILIPPINES. I am learning that it takes many months to begin feeling settled when moving to a new country. We have been thankful for the grace God has extended to us over the course of this past month as we get into the routine of classes and living in a new country. We are truly grateful for those who have prayed for our transition, and we are excited to see how God has worked over the past month.

We were glad to welcome Dr. Dean Taylor for two weeks starting in the middle of July for our second block course, *Expository Preaching*. Dr. Dean is a gifted instructor (he is a teacher at Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary in Ankeny, Iowa), and a humble servant of the Lord. He truly was a blessing to our students at Haven of Grace! The course was extremely practical and will have an immediate impact on the preaching ministries of these men



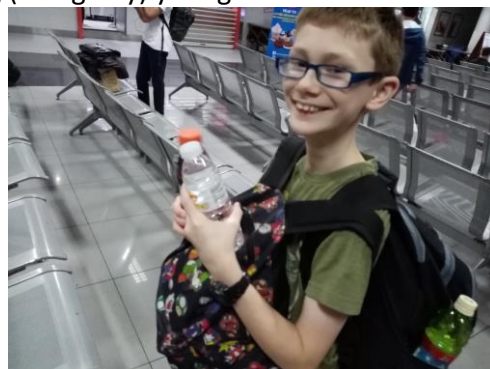
Our children especially enjoyed having Dr. Dean with us in our home. It was also fun to go on some “adventures” with him while he was here. Lydia especially enjoyed some early morning walks on the beach with her new friend.



Here in the Philippines, Church Anniversary Celebrations are a big deal. I have been privileged to receive invitations to speak at a number of these celebrations already. On July 28, I had the opportunity to preach at First Sunshine Baptist Church's 36th Anniversary Celebration. The service was filled with lots of special music, congregational singing, Scripture reading, and the reading of the church's history (in addition to my sermon). Both the auditorium and an overflow section outside were filled to capacity. The service was followed by a fellowship meal. We are thankful for Pastor Callejas [pictured below] and his friendship and ministry. Pastor Callejas also serves as the treasurer on the board of Haven of Grace Camp and Conference Center.



In addition to our regular ministries this past month, our family also took a quick trip up to Manila to submit our 9g Missionary Visa. This is a long-term visa that we have been working toward for the past few months. We flew up with Pastor Jun (our petitioner—as the Vice President of Haven of Grace Camp and Conference Center he is the one who is inviting us to come and minister here in the Philippines). We had to go up, get our pictures taken, get fingerprinted, and appear before an immigration lawyer. Although we will need to renew this visa every year, we will only have to go up as a family once every 10 years once it is approved. Please pray for a speedy approval of this visa. Also, some of the costs associated with the visa took me by surprise, so if you have an interest in giving toward this need, it would be greatly appreciated (see the bottom of this update to find out how to give). As you can see from the picture on the bottom right, Micah was a huge help during the trip. We called him our “pack mule,” as he carried multiple backpacks! He is growing into a strong (and godly) young man!



We are grateful for your continued support for our family. Please continue to keep our family in prayer. Pray especially for the speedy approval of our 9g Missionary Visa Application.

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

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Prayer Requests:

For God to provide the unexpected, additional costs of our 9g Missionary Visa
For continued grace to our family during this time of transition as we settle in to Haven of Grace
For the speedy approval of our 9g Missionary Visa
For health for our family (There is a Dengue Fever Outbreak in the Philippines and our area has been hit especially hard. Please pray for friends who have been affected).

Praises To God:

For ministry opportunities we have had in local churches
For students who are engaged and excited to learn at Haven of Grace Seminary