



THE VALIANTE FAMILY

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

UPDATES PROVIDE MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES TO REFLECT. Every time I work on an update I am amazed at the opportunities the Lord has provided over the past month. To my shame, as I look back through pictures taken over the last 30 days or so, I think *Wow, I completely forgot about that event, or That was only a month ago?! God has been very gracious to give us fruitful opportunities for service.*

In the middle of January, I spoke to 400 young people here at Haven of Grace Camp who are a part of the Boys and Girls Brigade. I first preached to the young ladies on Thursday, and then the young men at an early 5:30am service on Saturday morning. The focus was upon the simple message of the Gospel as we worked through Romans 1. What a great opportunity for the Gospel



Sunday, February 2 was a special day, as our family, along with Mark Kittrell (President of Haven of Grace and Pacific Rim Missions) were able to go and minister in one of our students' churches. I taught Sunday School, and Mark preached in the main service. Pastor Vargas, our student and the pastor of Regular Fundamental Baptist Church (Himamaylan), is a faithful man who has served this congregation for over 20 years. It is our joy to partner with men like him to help further equip them for the work of the ministry. Listening to him share with his church a simple testimony of how Haven of Grace has made an impact on his ministry was moving to hear.



This has also been a month of fellowship and celebrations. We enjoyed a wonderful time with some other American Missionaries as we shared a lunch together at a Mexican restaurant. After the meal, we went to the mall where the older kids (and dads) played laser tag. The younger children were able to get out some energy in a play place just a few shops down. These fellow servants of the Lord are such a blessing and refreshment to us. It would be hard to describe how encouraging these friendships have been for the adults, and especially the children.



This month also marked a major milestone in our family. We now have a teenager in the house! Hard to believe, but Micah celebrated his 13th birthday. This was a special day filled with parties, a cake (Mario-themed, of course), lemon bars, and a huge pizza—all per Micah's request. We are very thankful for Micah. He is a great leader and shows compassion. He is both strong and sensitive—a great combination. God continues to do a good work in his life.

It is amazing to think that within the next month (Lord willing), our second semester at Haven of Grace Seminary (and our inaugural year) will come to a close. A big "Thank You" to everyone who has supported and prayed for us to make this first year a success. We are grateful for the opportunity to train Filipinos for the work of the Gospel ministry. And actually, in our most recent block course (on General Epistles), we had the chance to train our first international student (a pastor from Pakistan). Our final block course (the Book of Acts) will be held the first two weeks of March with Joe Henson and his family coming to minister to our students (and our family).

Also, within the next month, we will (again Lord willing) make our return to the States. We travel from Bacolod to Manila on March 17 with our flight from Manila to New York (by way of South Korea) on March 18. Please be in prayer for this trip. Although there has not been a major coronavirus outbreak in the Philippines or in South Korea, a lot can change over the next month. Our prayer is to be able to make it back to the States without any major travel disruptions. We are looking forward to seeing family and friends, as well as updating some of our supporting churches while we are back before returning to the Philippines in the middle of July to start our 2nd year at Haven of Grace Seminary.

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

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Prayer Requests:

- For a great ending to our 2nd Semester
- For health and safety for our family
- For our travel back to the States in mid-March.

Praises To God:

- For our 1st international student (Pakistan)
- For many Gospel opportunities over the past month in preaching and personal interactions
- For being able to line up transportation for the time we will be back in the States.