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Dear Supporters and Friends,

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! We have much to be thankful for as the ministry at Haven of Grace Seminary (Philippines) continues training men for gospel ministry. As we near the end of our fall semester, I am amazed at how much "theological ground" we have covered over the past few months. In our study of Systematic Theology 2 we have covered Christology (The Study of Christ), Pneumatology (The Study of the Holy Spirit), and we are now studying Angelology (The Study of Angels). I can honestly say that I have never thought so deeply about the nature of the Trinity. Over the course of these lectures, I probably used the word "mystery" more than I have in all the other courses I've taught combined. However, I can honestly say that this study has enriched the students' understanding of the indescribable [ineffable] Godhead.

GIVING OPPORTUNITY: Before sharing more about the courses I'm teaching, I want to give you a sneak peak into a "Giving Tuesday" announcement that will be released on November 29. We have 3 upcoming opportunities for you to partner with us. I will share these here briefly, but be on the lookout for an upcoming announcement in the next week and a half. The three opportunities are:

- 1. A one-time gift of \$50 to provide a bag of rice for our 60+ Haven of Grace Seminary Students.
- 2. A monthly commitment to help provide for the long-term operating costs of Haven of Grace Seminary and Camp and Conference Center.
- 3. A monthly commitment to help increase funding for the Valiante family.

Many more details about ways your tax-deductible donation can help support the ministry of Haven of Grace Seminary will be forthcoming shortly after Thanksgiving.



In addition to teaching Systematic Theology 2 in Bacolod and Pulupandan, I am also teaching two other courses this semester: Hermeneutics (Hinoba-an) and Pastoral Epistles (Haven of Hope Seminary in Dimapur, India). Having a course load of 4, 3-credit classes is the

credit classes is the most I have taught in a semester thus far. Hermeneutics (or the Interpretation of Scripture) has helped sharpen the students' skills in understanding and applying Scripture.



A number of students have expressed how this course has made a direct impact in both their preparation and preaching of the text. I am also teaching Pastoral Epistles at Haven of Hope Seminary (Dimapur, Nagaland, India). This is a great group of young men who are preparing for the ministry and I cannot think of a more important study for them at this season of their lives. Just this past week, we focused on the important command for a minister to pay attention to himself (i.e. his life / character), and to his teaching (1 Tim. 4:16).

As far as our family, we are slowly settling in to our home in Northeast Maryland. I have been working on a few projects, like a closet organizer, and 2 sets of bunk beds which have added to an already busy semester. I am thankful for the grace of God continuing to provide the energy and strength for these endeavors. Our children are also enjoying making good friendships, and being a part of the ministry at our home church (Lighthouse Baptist Church, Newark, DE).



Finally, I would ask for prayer for a number of our students and their families who are facing various health struggles:

Pastor Al whose wife, Analyn, was diagnosed with Stage 3 colon cancer during this semester Pastor Kiram who recently had eye surgery Pastor Paulo who has battled with severe pancreatitis

Also, please pray for wisdom for me as I make plans to travel to the Philippines sometime during these winter months.

Once more, thank you for your continued prayers and support!

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

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Prayer Requests:

- For grace as I finish teaching 4 courses this semester
- For wisdom in planning a trip to the Philippines this winter
- For students (and their families) who are struggling physically

Praises To God:

- For a great semester so far
- For a smooth transition to our home in Northeast Maryland