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Equipping and Training National Pastors in the Philippines

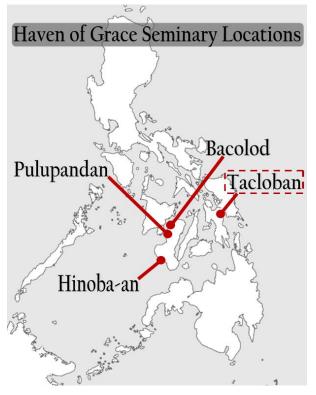


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Dear Supporters and Friends,

THE END OF A GREAT SEMESTER. At the beginning of May we wrapped up our semester at Haven of Grace Seminary. Students are handing in exams, and (hopefully) enjoying a well-deserved break! Over this semester, I taught Proverbs (in two locations— Bacolod and Pulupandan), Systematic Theology (Hinoba-an), as well as Hermeneutics at Haven of Hope Seminary (India). I am constantly thankful for the opportunity to invest in these men who are so faithfully proclaiming the gospel in these places. (The pictures to the right are from an evangelistic outreach in one of the mountainous areas in the southern part of the island of Negros organized by one of our students).

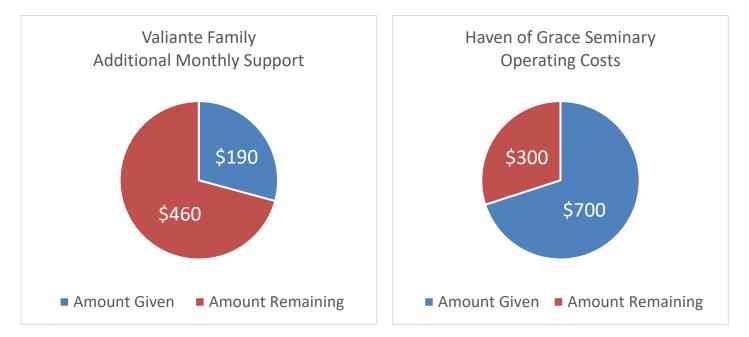


As we look ahead to the summer/fall, I am excited about the opportunites to continue our mission of training national pastors in the Philippines and beyond. Starting in

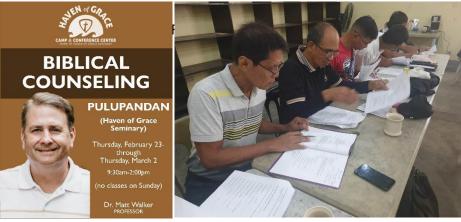


mid-July, I will be teaching a course at Haven of Hope Seminary (India) once more. Then, later that month (July 21), I will begin meeting weekly with pastors up in the India/Nepal border. This strategic location is the perfect place for ministry training. Then, in late August/early September we will begin the fall semester at Haven of Grace Seminary. One exciting development is that we will be opening our 4th seminary location in Tacloban (on the island of Leyte). This is our first Filipino location outside of the island of Negros. It always amazes me how Haven of Grace continues to organically grow. Without trying to push into new locations, there has been incredible interest in the training we offer. By way of a brief history: In 2019, we launched Haven of Grace Seminary offering classes in two locations: Pulupandan and Bacolod. Then, in January 2022 (in the middle of the pandemic), we began offering classes in Hinoba-an. Now, this August, we will add Tacloban. It is a great joy to see the seminary expanding to these new locations.

I also wanted to give an update on the two goals we have set for our family's monthly support, as well as for Haven of Grace's operating costs. We thank the Lord for progress on these monthly needs:



There is so much more I could share. I will end with just one final highlight over these past couple of months. Haven of Grace was privileged to have Dr. Matt Walker (from College Park Baptist Church – Cary, NC) teach Biblical Counseling to our students in Bacolod and Pulupandan. It would be impossible to express how needful this course was for our students, and the impact it has had, and will have on their ministries.



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 preparations for the summer/fall teaching schedule
- For an upcoming Youth Soccer Evangelistic Outreach I will be preaching at on June 3
- For wisdom on schooling options this fall for our children

Praises To God:

• For a great spring semester