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Dear Supporters and Friends,

Since the start of the semester at Haven of Grace Seminary at the beginning of September, I have had the privilege of teaching over 100 pastors/students each week in the Philippines, Myanmar, India, and at the India/Nepal border. Classes are going great! Teaching begins at 4:40am on Monday mornings, and is followed by classes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. The week is capped off by a workshop with pastors at the India/Nepal border on Friday mornings.



I have been teaching courses on Hermeneutics (Interpretation of Scripture), Systematic Theology 1 (Bibliology & Theology Proper), Pneumatology (Study of the Holy Spirit) and Pastoral Epistles. I have been fielding a lot of great questions during each class. The guys really keep me on my toes! What really encourages me is to hear what the students are learning throughout the courses. I wanted to share a brief note from Stephen Hang Vum Kim on what he has gleaned from the course on Pastoral Epistles. Brother Stephen is the Director of Doulos Theological Seminary in Myanmar and serves as my translator for the class. (Myanmar is the only class I teach where I have a translator). Here is Stephen's note:

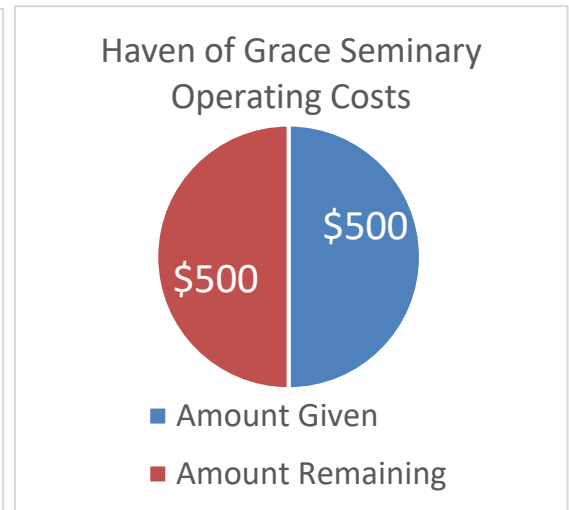
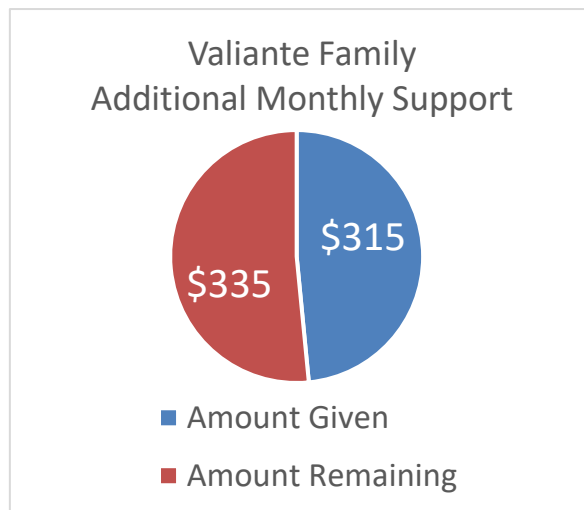
“Thanks Dr. Tim...also for your wonderful teaching. We all got a many blessings through your teaching. One of the great lessons that I learned from your teaching is that God is more concerned about the person than the performance. Thank you again for giving your time to teach Pastoral Epistles to DTS.”

I am so encouraged knowing that the most important themes from the lectures are getting through. Over and over in our study of the Pastoral Epistles we saw that God is far more concerned about a man's character than his duties or responsibilities. In other words: Make sure to put a man with godly character in the office of overseer, and everything else seems to take care of itself. If you have a chance, check out 1 Timothy 4:14-16.



As I noted in the "Prayer Requests" at the end of this letter, I would appreciate prayer for strength over the next couple of months. In addition to my teaching load, and teaching at our home church on Wednesday nights, and preaching at Bensalem Baptist Church on Sundays, I am also attempting to finish a couple major house projects including the completion of an addition, and an in-law suite for my parents. This all means that I often wind up with pretty full days. Today is a good example. I worked on house projects until 4:00pm. Then Sarah and I went to a Parent/Teacher "Meet and Greet" at Micah's school at 5:00pm. I taught our guys in the Philippines from 10:00pm-1:00am. After class I finished my sermon for Sunday by about 2:30am, and then started working on this update. It is now 3:52 am. I teach a group of guys at the India/Nepal border this morning at 10:00am. These are full, joyful, and exhausting days. I would not change a thing, however, I can certainly use prayers for endurance.

Finally I wanted to keep you updated 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:



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2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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Prayer Requests:

- For continued grace to handle a heavy teaching load this fall
- For strength in finishing house projects (home addition and an in-law suite for my parents)

Praises To God:

- For a really great fall semester with a lot of good interaction with the students
- For God's leading and direction with schooling for our children