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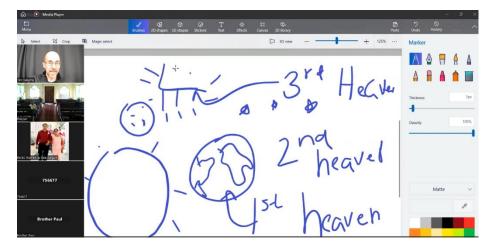
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Dear Supporters and Friends,

SO MUCH TO BE GRATEFUL FOR! This past year has been one of the busiest—if not the busiest—seasons of my life. In the midst of it all, God has been gracious, and there have been so many wonderful opportunities for ministry.

We are nearing the end of the semester at both Haven of Grace Seminary (Philippines) and Haven of Hope Seminary (India) with only the final week of classes and final exams remaining. The semester at Doulos Theological Seminary (Myanmar) ended in early October. As each semester passes by, I am enjoying teaching the men more and more. Each class provides the opportunity to get into rich theology and



practical, pastoral instruction. The picture to the right is part of our lecture in which we were working through Genesis 1:1 and talking about the "heavens" God created. I only wish I had my wife, Sarah's, artistic talent to better illustrate it!



Over the past two semesters, we have been priviledged to have visiting professors come to teach classes at Haven of Grace Seminary. In the spring, Dr. Matt Walker came and taught a course on Biblical Counseling. This semester, even as I am writing this update, Dr. Curt Lamansky is with the men teaching the book of James. Dr. Curt was one of my professors (and one of my favorites I might add) at Northland. It is a joy to be able to partner with him now in the ministry at Haven of Grace. He was also the keynote speaker at the annual missions conference hosted at Maranatha Baptist Church (Bacolod) which draws hundreds of pastors, missionaries and ministers from all over the Philippines and across Southeast Asia.

The past couple months have also been full of local church ministry. I have continued preaching through the book of Titus on Sundays at Bensalem Baptist Church (as they search

for a pastor). On Wednesdays I have been teaching through the book of Proverbs at Lighthouse Baptist Church (our home church). In addition to this, I have conducted two funerals over the past two months, and in October, Sarah and I enjoyed a much needed getaway when we visited one of our supporting churches—Twin City Bible Church (Nitro West Virginia).

What a privilege to give our lives to the service of the Lord. I am reminded that we could not take part in these ministries without your faithful support. So, thank you for parterning with us for the sake of the gospel! And as we enter into this Christmas season, from our family to yours, we wish you a Merry Christmas.



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Prayer Requests:

- For wisdom in preparing for a trip to the Philippines this spring
- For preparations for the upcoming spring semester

Praises To God:

• For another great semester with the students in the Philippines, India, and Myanmar