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Equipping and Training National Pastors in the Philippines



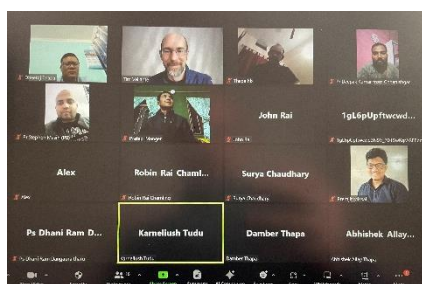
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Dear Supporters and Friends,

FINDING BALANCE AND REST. Looking back over the past year, I am able to see how crazily busy it was. Thankfully, God is always full of grace, and in His kindness, after those really busy periods, he often provides seasons of rest. The past couple of months have been busy... but it has been on the more “normal” side of busy. I have been grateful for the rest!

In the next couple of weeks we will be finishing our Spring Semester in our Filipino and Indian seminaries. I am concluding my courses on Proverbs in Hinoba-an and Systematic Theology 1 in Pulupandan at Haven of Grace Seminary (Philippines), and Systematic Theology 2 in Dimapur at Haven of Hope Seminary (India). These have been great courses, and I have truly enjoyed teaching our students and interacting with questions they have about those subjects. Our students are extremely bright and have insightful, pinpointed questions that help bring the instruction to life. Once the semester ends, I am hoping to prepare new course materials for the 2024-2025 academic year, as well as to make preparations for our first graduating class at Haven of Grace Seminary in the Spring 2025 (Lord willing).



A few weeks ago, in addition to my teaching schedule at our seminaries in the Philippines and India, I began teaching a group of pastors up at the India/Nepal border on the subject of Pneumatology (Study of the Holy Spirit). I will be teaching these men for the next few months and I am excited to dig into important subjects like the doctrine of the Trinity, spiritual gifts, sign gifts (including tongues and prophecy) along with the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

At Haven of Grace Seminary (Philippines), we have also begun a special, late Spring/Summer course for our students in Bacolod on World Religions and Cults with Professor Daniel Olson. This course began just this past week, and will run through the beginning of July. This is such an important course for our Filipino students because of the heavy influence of Roman Catholicism (and to a lesser extent Islam), as well as various cults they encounter like Mormonism, Jehovah Witnesses, and a prominent Filipino cult known as Iglesia ni Cristo. It is vital that our students understand the teachings of these (and other) world religions and cults in order to faithfully proclaim the gospel, and defend it from false teachings.

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World Religions & Cults

(BACOLOD)

Online Course
Every Monday
STARTING
April 8
4:40pm-8:10pm
Location: Maramatha Baptist
Church (Villamonte, Bacolod)

Daniel Olson
PROFESSOR

There have been a lot of other activities and events over the past few months, which I wanted to highlight:

Bensalem Baptist Church: I have been helping Bensalem Baptist Church over the past year while they search for a pastor. This church means a lot to me, since this is where I first heard the gospel and trusted Christ as my Savior. It has been my privilege to help serve as their interim pastor during this season. Thankfully, this past Sunday, a great pastoral candidate preached and was presented to the church. This coming Sunday, the church will vote, and—Lord willing—the new pastor will settle in by mid-June. Please pray for Bensalem during this time of transition. I am very excited about this for them and for me!

Birthdays, Birthdays, and more Birthdays! This is birthday season in the Valiante household. We have birthdays February, March, April, May, May, May (and Sarah's is in December). So, we are right in the middle of birthday bashes—and these are some “big” birthdays. We always have a party with cake and celebrations for each birthday, but we make a really big deal of birthdays when our children turn 7, 10, 13 & 16. Well, during this Spring we had Lydia turning 13 (March), Kiersten will be turning 16 (April), and Jonas will be turning 10 (May). Lots of fun!



Parents Moved in! We finally finished all of the renovations both for the addition, as well as my parents apartment. They are fully moved in and settled. We are so thankful to have them here with us, and I believe they are very happy with their new space, and they were even able to host Easter dinner there a few weeks ago.



Soccer Season! It seems when I take one iron out of the fire, I wind up putting another one in! Lydia (our middle daughter) was wanting to play soccer this season, but we weren't sure how it was going to work out. At the last minute we signed her up on a waiting list for our area's soccer club, and I noted that I would be able to coach if needed. Well, I got an email letting me know that Lydia could join a team, and that I was needed as a coach. So, the next 6 weeks or so will also be filled with soccer practices and games. We are grateful how the Lord opened that door, and I trust God will allow Lydia and me to be a good testimony and witness for Christ to the other players and their parents.

Once more, thank you for your continued prayer and support.

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

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Prayer Requests:

- To end out the semester strong at Haven of Grace Seminary (Philippines)
- For wisdom in preparing my teaching material for the 2024-2025 academic year

Praises To God:

- For God's strength and help throughout the busy past year
- For many open doors for our students to minister in church planting, community outreach, and evangelism (I hope to share pictures of some of these outreaches in the next update).