



# THE VALIANTE FAMILY

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Dear Supporters and Friends,

**TICKETS BOOKED AND GRADUATION COMING!** Our first Haven of Grace Seminary Graduation is set for Saturday, May 10, 2025. I, along with my son, Jonas, will be flying out to take part in this joyous occasion. On the trip, we will be traveling out to Oregon to visit a supporting church, visiting my sister and her family in Northern California, and then flying out from San Francisco to the Philippines. Here are the travel details:

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania ✈️ Portland, Oregon 🚗 Eugene, Oregon 🚗 Grass Valley, California 🚗  
San Francisco, California ✈️ Taipei, Taiwan ✈️ Cebu, Philippines ✈️ Bacolod, Philippines 🚗 HAVEN OF GRACE!

Would you pray for a few specific requests regarding the graduation and our trip?

1. That the graduation will be a special time rehearsing God's faithfulness and goodness to our students at Haven of Grace Seminary.
2. That leading up to the graduation the candidates will be able to finish outstanding assignments to earn their degrees.
3. That this will be a great trip for Jonas (10 years old) and me, including:
  - a. Good health before, during and after the trip.
  - b. Smooth travel (*We certainly do not take this for granted with our layover in Taiwan [and the looming threat of China] along with possible world-wide health scares from Bird Flu to HMPV to anything else that could pop up in the meantime.*)
  - c. A memorable, life-changing trip (*I am praying this trip will make a lasting impact on Jonas. It will afford us with some great one-on-one time, and I am really asking God to do a deep work in Jonas' heart. I have been especially burdened for Jonas over the past year+, and I would simply ask you to pray for God to use this trip in Jonas' life).*

**SPRING CLASSES HAVE BEGUN.** We had a great start to our Spring Semester. I am really grateful for the opportunity to work through the book of Romans with our students. There is nothing better than to dive deep in to the study of the gospel of Christ. In addition to our Filipino students, our class also included a few Bengali students. Pacific Rim Missions International is prayerfully considering the possibility of establishing a seminary in Bangladesh, and these students are joining the class as a "test run" to see what the educational experience would be like.

**HAVEN of GRACE**  
Seminary  
Est. 2019

**ROMANS**  
(Pulupandan)

Online Course  
Every Friday  
STARTING  
**January 10**  
10:00am—1:00pm  
Location: Haven of Grace Seminary  
(Pulupandan) & Online

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**UPCOMING VISIT FROM PASTOR JUN OGUILLA.** At the end of this month we will be thrilled to welcome Pastor Jun Oguilla, and his wife, Juvy, to the United States. Pastor Jun is a dear friend and co-worker, who—in addition to his role as the pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church (Bacolod, Philippines)—also serves as the Vice President of the Haven of Grace Seminary Board. During his three-week stay Pastor Jun will be visiting the ARCH National Conference in Florida as well as preaching at a couple of churches, including our home church—Lighthouse Baptist (Newark, Delaware). We will have the privilege of hosting Pastor Jun and Ma’am Juvy in our home for a few days at the end of January and the beginning of February. It is a great joy to repay (in a small way) the hospitality this

couple has shown to our family. Please pray for them since they will be here in the coldest part of the year. Filipinos never experience temperatures below 65 degrees, so getting hit with weather below freezing will certainly be a shock to their system!

**MISCELLANEOUS HAPPENINGS** We had a wonderful, albeit busy, Christmas season. On December 21 I had the privilege of officiating the wedding of Kyle and Hannah (Smith) Stump. Hannah had grown up in our church at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Millville, Pennsylvania, and it was a joy to do premarital counseling with this sweet couple, and officiate their wedding. Congratulations to the Stumps!



On Christmas Eve our church hosted a Candlelight service, and we had a great time with family on Christmas Day. Sarah’s birthday is on December 30, so we had a fun time celebrating her on her special day. With some accumulating snow early this month, the kids have really enjoyed some sledding down the hill on our property. We thank the Lord for these good gifts!



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:

- For a great spring semester
- For the upcoming Seminary graduation (please see the prayer requests listed above on the first page of this update)
- For a great trip to the Philippines for Jonas and me

### Praises To God:

- Lydia has only had 1 seizure over the past 2.5 months
- For a joyful Christmas Season
- For our 1<sup>st</sup> Graduation coming up this spring 2025 (Lord willing)