



# THE VALIANTE FAMILY

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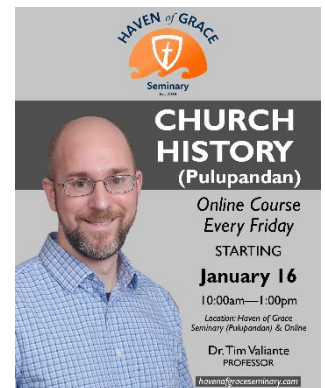
Dear Supporters and Friends,

**SPRING SEMESTER OPENS WITH GRADUATION ON THE HORIZON.** We have had a great start to our spring semester. I am teaching a course on Church History to our students in Pulupandan and La Carlota. There is a great group enrolled. This is such an important course for Filipino pastors so they can more effectively minister to the largely Roman Catholic population of the Philippines.

At the start of February, Professor Daniel Olson will begin his course: Petrine Epistles & Jude. Pastor Lowell, our Assistant Director, continues to teach Greek Grammar to our students in Hinoba-an, as well a course on Hermeneutics to students in Basay.



We are also looking forward to having a visiting professor, RJ Krystowiak, come in March to teach Expository Preaching to our students in Hinoba-an. I share all of this as a note of encouragement in seeing the steady growth of our seminary. Just a few short years ago, I was the only one teaching courses, with just a few visiting professors sprinkled in here and there. Now we have a strong (and growing) corps of teachers. I am grateful for each of these men and their ministry to our students. Having a dedicated team of qualified, spiritually-focused instructors is something I don't take for granted.



This additional teaching help has allowed me to develop and focus more on the administrative side of the seminary, which includes working with our graduation candidates. This means making sure they have completed all of the requirements for our upcoming graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 9, 2026. We are anticipating a wonderful time celebrating God's goodness in these men's lives as they have pursued a deeper knowledge of the Scriptures, along with a deeper love for Jesus Christ. Please pray for our graduation candidates that they will be able to complete any remaining course work needed to receive their degrees.

**TYPHOON TINO RELIEF UPDATE.** On behalf of the dozens of pastors Pacific Rim Missions has been able to help in the aftermath of Typhoon Tino, I want to thank you for your generosity and support. Over the last couple of months, through your sacrificial giving, we have been able to send close to \$25,000 to our students whose churches and communities had been affected by the Typhoon. Some of our students' homes and churches had been completely destroyed. With these funds, we were able to send immediate relief goods (like water, non-perishable food, blankets, hygiene kits etc.) to those communities that were hardest hit. On top of that, we have been able to help in the rebuilding of churches and the repair of damaged roofs. Thank you so much!



**WAVES OF ENCOURAGEMENT.** Over the last week or so we have had 3 separate churches encourage our family. First we got cards from the Kids Group at Grace Baptist Church in Highland Falls, NY. These were some sweet (and fun) notes. Then we went to Bensalem Baptist Church (where I spoke last Sunday) and there was a table full of cards with a lot of meaningful appreciation, both for our ministry in the Philippines as well as my year+ spent there as interim pastor. Then, finally, our mail folder at Lighthouse Baptist Church (our home church) was filled with encouraging notes from the “Missionary Letters” we periodically write on Wednesday nights. We have put

these notes up on the board in our hallway. They are a constant reminder of God’s love and encouragement through the family we have in Christ.

Another area of encouragement has been the joy of seeing God’s work in people’s lives over the long haul. When I first came to Lighthouse as a youth pastor in 2003, Willie was just a young boy... maybe 9 or 10 years old. His mom was a believer, but his dad wasn’t, and we have been praying for his dad over the years. Fast forward some 20 years, and that little boy, Willie, is now “Pastor Willie.” He serves at a church in lower Delaware. And to our great joy, through the witness of his wife and son, Steve, came to faith in Christ, and Pastor Willie came up and had the privilege of baptizing him. There is nothing better than seeing God at work, even if it takes a couple decades. It is a reminder to continue to pray for our loved ones who have yet come to faith in Christ.



Finally, we had a joyful Christmas. There was a flurry of activities with my sister and her family flying in from Northern California. There were 14 people staying in our home during their 2-week visit, and it was a wonderful, wild time for all the cousins, aunts and uncles and grandparents that was filled with games, food, fun, parties, sightseeing, daytrips and sleepovers!



Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

Serving Christ,  
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**2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

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#### **Prayer Requests:**

- For a good spring semester.
- For students who will be graduating this spring to complete the required course work.

#### **Praises To God:**

- For funds raised to support to our seminary students and their churches and communities in the aftermath of Typhoon Tino.
- For God’s work in bringing folks, like Steve, to salvation.