



THE VALIANTE FAMILY

Equipping and Training National Pastors in the Philippines



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Dear Supporters and Friends,

BANQUET. We thank the Lord for the consistent, organic growth Haven of Grace Seminary has experienced over the past 7 years. It's amazing to look back seeing where we started from to where we are now. We currently host classes in 5 separate locations across the island of Negros, providing instruction and training (along with resources like course notes) to 80+ students. We saw 7 of our students graduate this past May, and we look forward to our second graduation coming up on May 9. Our faculty has grown to include our Filipino Assistant Director, Pastor Lowell, in addition to 2

full-time American professors, and we would love to expand to welcome another Filipino faculty member in the coming years. We have raised and distributed tens of thousands of dollars to provide relief goods in the aftermath of typhoons and volcanic eruptions—not to mention the COVID pandemic. On top of all of that, Haven of Grace operates summer camps where over 3,000 teens (many of whom are unchurched) come and hear the gospel. Haven of Grace is a sizeable ministry and continues to expand as the years pass by.

While the seminary and camp have grown by leaps and bounds, the funding for the ministry has lagged behind. We have been operating on a shoestring budget of roughly \$650 per month. We are grateful for the wisdom in allowing us to stretch these funds to serve Filipino pastors and churches, however, we would love to expand our base of support to put Haven of Grace in a more stable financial position and to continue expanding this good gospel work.

In light of this need, we will be hosting a **banquet** on **Sunday, April 19 at 1:00pm** for any who are interested in learning more about the ministry at Haven of Grace Seminary and ways you can partner with us. The banquet will be **hosted at Lighthouse Baptist Church (1842 Otts Chapel Road, Newark, DE 19702)**. Please use the QR code above or the following link to register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSft1z9aMwIVUz-SOjrzP8n1tGUD5HWmAG5ejNZMh5Zm_u7XVA/viewform?usp=header

**Haven of Grace
Seminary Banquet**
SUNDAY, APRIL 19 • 1PM

held at
Lighthouse Baptist Church
1842 Otts Chapel Road • Newark, DE 19702

Please come to learn more about the Valiante's ministry at Haven of Grace Seminary (Philippines) and ways you can partner with them.

Dinner Provided.
No Cost.
Seating is limited.
Please reserve your spot using the QR Code below.

For those unable to attend the banquet but interested in learning more about all that is happening at Haven of Grace and ways you can help, feel free to set up an appointment with me using the link below. When directed to the calendar app, choose one of the available dates and times so we can coordinate a Zoom Meeting. I would love to connect with you!

<https://calendar.app.google/kEYXKXo6SmBRTjcf9>

VEHICLE NEED FOR OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR. With the expansion of the seminary across 5 locations on the island of Negros, the amount of travel required of our Assistant Director, Pastor Lowell Arbolario, has increased exponentially. Pastor Lowell is traveling 6 hours weekly to the far south of the island to teach Greek Grammar to students in Hinoba-an and Hermeneutics to students in Basay. Additionally, throughout the year he travels to churches representing the seminary. Presently, he is driving a 1993 Honda that is in very rough shape. I have personally driven with him in this vehicle, and it constantly overheats and is not roadworthy. With all the travel Pastor Lowell does for the seminary, we would like to purchase a reasonably priced used vehicle. The total amount we hope to raise is \$8,000. Thankfully, we have a matching gift which means we only need to raise \$4,000. If you would like to partner with us to meet this need, you can use the following link to donate through the Pacific Rim Missions International giving website (select the "Special Projects Fund"): <https://giving.myamplify.io//app/giving/prmi>



GRADUATION AROUND THE CORNER. On May 9, we will celebrate our 2nd Haven of Grace Seminary Graduation. We are grateful for the years of hard work our students have put in to reach this milestone. Please pray for our graduation candidates as they complete remaining course requirements over the next few weeks. Graduation affords us the opportunity to reflect on God's goodness in the lives of these faithful men and their families as they have invested so much to grow in their understanding of the Scriptures and their love for God. Also, please pray for me as I travel to the Philippines for this momentous occasion.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

Serving Christ,
The Valiantes

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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Prayer Requests:

- For students who will be graduating this spring to complete the required course work.
- For a good trip to the Philippines for the Graduation Ceremony on May 9.
- For our Haven of Grace Seminary base of support to expand over the coming months.

Praises To God:

- For a great spring semester.
- For the consistent, organic growth Haven of Grace Seminary has experienced over the past 7 years.