



# Missionaries PHILIPPINES to the VALBUENA FAMILY

PURE RELIGION AND UNDEFILED BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS, TO VISIT THE FATHERLESS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION AND TO KEEP HIMSELF UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD.

JAMES 1:27

January - April 2020

Dear Friends.

We have nothing but praises! God has been with us from the beginning of our Furlough till the end.

God has provided us with travelling mercies as we have put on over 27,000 miles on our Rental Van. Speaking of the van, we have been blessed to rent the van from Righteous Rides a ministry catering to missionaries specifically on furlough or deputation.

We have also been blessed to visit and speak in over 90 churches. Back in December I reported three churches who committed partnering with us in support and now we praise God for the addition of nine more. We pray that God will bless the partnership with these additional supporting churches:

- Jackson Memorial Baptist Church - Campobelo SC
- Pinehaven Baptist Church - Pensacola FL
- True Gospel Independent Baptist Church -Milton FL
- Pensacola Baptist Church -Pensacola FL
- Gulf Coast Baptist Church -Ft Walton Beach FL
- Old Salem Missionary Baptist Church -Center TX
- Zion Hill Baptist Church -Greenville SC
- Parkview Baptist Church - Pensacola FL
- Providence Missionary Baptist Church - Center TX

We, of course praise and thank God daily for those of you who continue to faithfully support us and the ministries.

We praise God for his safe keeping during the pandemic. Our outreach ministries and outreach pastors are continuing the work. We praise God for their faithfulness! Bro Andrew, our outreach pastor in a nearby province, in his faithfulness have recently seen a young 12 year old, **Elija Alberto** come to know the Lord. Young Alberto then asked Bro Andrew to visit his ailing grandmother who Bro Andrew was able to witness to and see her get saved! Young Elija is faithful and displays a great desire to know God more!



of \$95,000.00 USD. We thought about our vision of separating the boys and girls of the children home onto separate properties all together and what a difference it would truly make. Annalisa and I prayed about it and felt really led that the Lord would want us to purchase that instead. We of course were fearful of what people would say about it all if we tried to raise an additional \$35,000.00 USD. We mentioned this to several preacher friends of ours and one dear preacher friend and his wife encouraged us to tell the churches and brethren and leave the rest up to God. After several meetings later, on a Wednesday meeting in Arkansas the Lord impressed it on my heart to let them know. After the service God laid it on the heart of his people and they wrote a check for the remainder needed for the purchase of the property with the building that will hold up to 60-80 more children! We cannot thank God enough for his loving and generous children who have stepped out on faith and have unselfishly gave towards this project! God has used each and everyone of you! From the smallest gift to the largest and all those who have been faithfully praying for us!



**More of God's goodness and blessings**  
The Lord graciously provided all the finances needed for the repairs of the girls dorm. You may recall a typhoon came through causing a mango tree to fall on the girls dorm destroying a portion of the roof. That has been repaired and is looking brand new!  
Through the love gifts received while speaking in churches we have been able to completely pay off our plane tickets!

**O TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD: BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN HIM. PSALM 34:8**

### Update on Boys Dorm Funds 2019-2020

In our last newsletter back in December we reported God's provision of **\$19,052.00 USD**. Annalisa and I were so excited and even talked about returning to the Philippines earlier than planned and begin construction on the foundation if the Lord provided just 10k more. Well...God's ways are so much higher than ours! A few days after that talk our God provided \$70,000 dollars through the generosity of a dear sister in the Lord! WOW! Is not our God and his children amazing?! We had way over the amount we needed to build the dorm and you already know we were ecstatic and ready to get that boys dorm built but then again God had better plans! The Lord brought back to our memory a long time prayer of ours. For many years we had been praying for a piece of property that is approximately a mile from the children's home that already had a nice building on it. The owner built it with the intention of having a small boutique hotel in the mountains but it never really materialized so then they put it up for sale for 8 million pesos, roughly \$160,000.00 US dollars. We called the Philippines and had one of our staff go back and see if the place was still for sale. Sure enough it was and the price had dropped down to 6 million pesos. 6 million is roughly \$130,000.00 USD and we already had a total

**I AM THE VINE, YE ARE THE BRANCHES: HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT: FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING. JOHN 15:5**

In these unprecedented times of state lock downs; jobs put on hold; cancellation of schools, church congregating prohibited and everything else that was brought about by the infamous corona virus, we have found it ever more important to "Abide in Christ". I am sure everyone in one form or another has been affected. In our case it has been the cancellation of the remainder of our meetings and our flights back to the Philippines. At this point our flights have been cancelled and re-scheduled 5 different times. Our original flight would have already had us in the Philippines by now but we are trusting God and what he has planned for all of us. Our daughter, Hannah has her hands full with the children's home but we thank God for the staff he has placed with us to be a blessing to her in such a time as this. Our omniscient God also placed two young men who were saved and discipled under Pastor Ted and I to be leaders in the church and outreach ministry. As the song writer put it 'I don't know who holds tomorrow but I know who holds my hand'.

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