



Joy to the world the Lord is come!

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: ... and rejoice, and sing praise. Psalm 98:4

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Dear praying friends and supporters,

Luke 1:78-79 says, *"Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."*

Zacharius, the father of John the Baptist, prophesied that the coming Messiah would come as the "dayspring on high." Dayspring is a word that represents light that overcomes the darkness, just as the dawning sun overcomes the dark night. Jesus, our Savior, came into this dark world and declared that He was the "Light of this World." Let us shine forth the Gospel Light of Christ during this Christmas season.

We praise the Lord that on November 20th, our family arrived in Manila, Philippines. This is a new chapter in our lives, after many years of Bible College, raising our first three sons into adulthood, beginning deputation, and advanced missionary training school. Through it all, we know that the Lord's timing is always right. After some time in Manila, we rested and adjusted from the jet lag from a long trip (13-hour difference compared to North Carolina time). We then met our sponsor missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Layne Jones. They have served the Lord here in Northern Samar for the past 40 years. They planted Lighthouse Baptist Church and Lighthouse Baptist Bible College. They started many churches here in Northern Samar, which is considered one of the toughest regions in the Philippines.

Brother Jones asked me to preach to the Bible College students after we arrived last month. It was an emotional and surreal moment as I realized we were finally here on the field of service. I praise the Lord for the opportunity to preach twice to college students and in two churches.

Heather is enjoying getting to know Mrs. Jones, the ladies, and the female Bible College students in the Church. She is also settling into our furnished apartment. Jameson and Micah enjoy going out to the market with Dad almost every day to buy our bread, vegetables, purified water, and to occasionally fill up our propane tank, which we use to cook. The boys also love going to "Camp Judy," where the Bible College is located, near the Pacific Ocean. They enjoy playing basketball and volleyball with the students. Here in Northern Samar, we have experienced heavy rains almost daily and times of electrical brownouts, which can last five minutes to six hours. The people are very kind and open to the Gospel, but Satan has his false religions abounding.

Please pray for Mike as he preaches at the missionary conference at Light House Baptist Church on January 20-23. Please continue to pray for good health and safety on the roads as we travel by walking, riding motocabs, and taking public buses over long distances to renew our visas monthly. Thank you all for your faithful prayers and monthly support.

In our Lord's service,

Mike and Heather Salyer

