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Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thess. 5:11

Welcomes: Everywhere we went this summer we were greeted by warm welcomes! How much we were encouraged by the hospitality of family and friends! Our daughter, Aleesa, provided a “home away from home” at her townhouse in the Liberty area of Kansas City, as well as the use of her car. Besides connecting with many pastors and church leaders at the DHF Conference in Estes Park, CO, we personally were able to speak about our mission work at the following churches: La Plata Christian, La Plata, MO; Raisin Valley Friends, Adrian, MI; Sunman Community, Sunman, IN; Eureka Christian, Mt. Olive, NC; First Christian, Glenwood, IA; and First Christian, West Plains, MO. All the brothers and sisters at these churches were a great encouragement to us. We also were thrilled to visit with about 40 people from our first pastorate in Indiana at an open house hosted by Kevin & Nancy Copeland in Greenwood, IN. It was great to spend a week with Rosanne’s parents in Michigan which included visits with her sister, brother, and niece. During our travels we were able to reconnect with “old” friends such as the Elliots, Ross’, Cooks (Leon), Millers (Don & John), Huddlestons, and Potters. It meant so much to be surrounded by many family members and friends at Jon and Aleesa’s weddings. We were also warmly welcomed at our mission headquarters in Michigan and were able to pass on a word of encouragement to the new SEND missionary appointees attending their first training sessions.

Weddings: What a wonderful way to begin and end our summer in the US – with the weddings of two of our children! Jon and Jaala are now settled in their apartment in Cincinnati, Ohio, after their special day on June 2. They are both working for Farmers Insurance. Aleesa and Jason had a beautiful ceremony in Kansas City on July 28. Jerry gave his only daughter away and spoke touching words to the couple that brought tears to everyone’s eyes (not just Mom’s). Aleesa’s three brothers were ushers and Jon sang “I Will Be Here” during the wedding. Aleesa and Jason are living in Gladstone, Missouri (a KC suburb) in a home that Jason has been remodeling.

Wings: Up, up and away we went on Northwest Airlines on July 31 winging our way back to Manila and Faith Academy. Our flights took us from Kansas City to Minneapolis (1 ½ hrs), Minneapolis to Tokyo (11 ½ hrs), and Tokyo to Manila (5 hrs). We arrived in Manila at 10:40 p.m. on August 1st (Manila time). It was great to be met at the airport by our fellow missionary friend, Tony, who gave us a ride to our apartment. After a few hours of sleep we began to unpack and put apartment 407 in order.

Praises: We praise God for protecting us across literally thousands of miles in the air and on the road this summer.

We are thankful for your faithful support, making our mission work possible.

As we rejoiced in June at the addition of Jaala, so now we rejoice at the addition of Jason to our family.

We are thankful to find our new apartment in good order upon arrival.

Prayers: Pray for our transition back into Philippine culture and a school schedule.

Ask God to provide all the teachers needed for the upcoming school year at Faith Academy.

Pray for the start of school. This includes teacher orientation, last minute scheduling of classes, the arrival and orientation of students, and lesson preparations. Jerry will be adding one new course to his teaching schedule.

Special Note: Our photo site is not currently available. We are looking for a new site and will let you when it is ready.