

Mission Update

Kermit Titrud on Feb 27th

Just to let you know we made it back safe and sound to our SIL group house in Manila, Philippines. We had a great two months in the U.S. All went well. We are most grateful to our loving Father for how He once again was one step ahead of us in all our travels and for His watchful care.

We'll write a more detailed account sometime soon. We arrived midnight and have just finished unpacking. It is now 1 AM and will try to get some sleep – though I don't expect much from my past experiences with jet lag.

Yours in his service,
Kermit and Raquel

Kermit Titrud on Feb 28

Dear family,

Even though we had a virtually 22 hour sleepless trip from Oregon to the Philippines, true to my past experiences with jet lag, I've been able to get only a few hours of sleep. However we are grateful for whatever hours of sleep we can get.

Other thanksgivings:

1. Thankful for all the good friends and relatives Raquel and I were able to see during the past two months in the U.S.

Especially thankful for:

- a. Prolonging Cheryll's life and the good times my siblings and I had with her and Don in the Chicago area.
 - b. Prolonging dad's life (found out from his doctor that he had recently had a heart attack), and for the good times Raquel and I had with him in Clarissa, Minnesota.
 - c. Being able to spend some time with Shoni in the Minneapolis area and trying to help her with her wedding plans. (No set date yet.)
 - d. Being able to spend some time with Tim in Oregon and on our recent trip to the Seattle area. It was hard leaving Tim behind when we left for the Philippines, but we are grateful for Raquel's sister who is taking care of him, and Tim seems to be doing well with her and her husband Henry and their three little foster kids.
2. We are very thankful for the health He has given us. Though Raquel often fights sinus issues, they are manageable.
 3. We are most grateful watching how He so beautifully orchestrates our lives. Everything worked out beautifully during our two months in the U.S. After I wrote the last two sentences I reflected on how the timing of many events that unfolded during our time there was perfect. I would love to detail the many that came to my mind, but they are too many, and for fear this might get too long, I'll forgo it. Maybe I'll write an email to

myself of the various accounts for future reference of how great of a Conductor He is. (I've been checking the Tagalog translation of Deuteronomy and I'm reminded of how God over and over again reminds the people of Israel to reflect on the past and how He delivered them with miraculous signs and wonders. May we too not forget how He delivers us, guides us, and watches over our needs.)

I could go on with many other items we are thankful for, but I'll just leave it at that for now. We do though want to once again give Him thanks for the beautiful partners like yourself He has brought our way. We are most grateful for you, our fellow members in His orchestra we get to fellowship with.

Plans:

March: Work with the three Mangyan language groups on the island of Mindoro as they translate the Old Testament.

April: Work on the Tagalog translation with Manong Pabling Ysug on the island of Caluya. At the same time we'll get to see Raquel's parents, sisters, and a multitude of relatives and friends.

May: Work on the Cebuano translation in Mindanao. At the same time we'll get to see our many friends and spiritual children and grandchildren in the Lord.

June: Possibly have the Bible dedication and distribution of the Western Bukidnon Manobo translation we have been overseeing. We finished typesetting it the other month, and the expected time for it to be printed is five months. If it is not ready by the end of May, we'll have it dedicated and distributed in September.

July: India to continue to mentor five Indian other tongue translators (meaning those who are overseeing translations not in their own mother tongue).

August: Back to Mindoro to work with the three Mangyan language teams.

September until end of February 2014: Work on the Tagalog and Cebuano translations.

Again, all these plans are ultimately up to the Great Conductor. Continue to pray that if all this is in accordance to His plan (we do try to plan according to what we believe is His will), may it happen, and that He'll continue to give us the health, strength and wisdom to see it happen.

It is now 6 AM here and I can hear the birds begin to sing His praises.

Yours singing with them,

Kermit and Raquel Titrud

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