

Dear family at Cannon Beach,

Raquel and I are now in Dallas, Texas, staying at the guest house (more like a dorm) of our International Linguistics Center. It's been great seeing old friends, many we did not even know were down here and whom we haven't seen in around 30 years. It's been fun interacting with our big Wycliffe family scattered in various offices and buildings here on the center. Many have also invited us over for supper at their homes nearby. Raquel and I have truly enjoyed living in this dorm like environment with a number of young people taking linguistic courses in their preparation to become translators. They are an answer to my prayers that God would raise up more young people to take the place of us older ones. But I did tell them we could use even 10 times more than what we see here. So keep praying, ya'll. There is a large comfortable lounge in the middle of this dorm type complex where we've been able to interact with them as they prepare their breakfast or supper, or just gather to chat.

Some more highlights:

1. Getting a new computer, replacing my 6 year old computer and being able to take advantage of the IT help here which I need in transferring stuff from my old computer to this new one.
2. Right outside our dorm overlooking the valley below there are acres upon acres of woods - a glorious view especially at sunset. There are also numerous foot paths throughout the woods which Raquel and I regularly adventure out on.
3. Tuesday and Friday late afternoon I've been able to play soccer with the students at the soccer field here on the center. I was even able to get the needed soccer shoes from the boutique here. Raquel as well has been enjoying increasing her wardrobe - all items are free, which is even better. :)
4. One weekend Raquel and I were able to hitch a ride with one of the students here to Houston and had a good time with cousins there.
5. We also decided to take advantage of the health clinic here on center and had our annual physicals. Turns out that I'm very low on iron and my red blood cell count and hemoglobin is low. So it was suggested I have a colonoscopy and endoscopy, especially in light of all the cancer in my family history (including mom and two sisters).
I go in for the procedure tomorrow (Feb 12).

Thanks for your prayers.

Our flight back to Minnesota is on March 9. Looking forward to seeing Jude again. See attachment that Shoni just sent us, a picture of me (lolo) and Jude, Raquel (lola) and Jude, and Uncle Tim and Jude. On April 25 we plan to return to the Philippines.

In the meantime, Raquel and I will continue to oversee the Waray and Mangyan translations from afar. We thank the Lord for internet and Skype and the various programs the SIL IT department has put together to allow us to work even from afar. Last night we Skyped the three Mangyan translation teams. They are presently all gathered together for a one month translation workshop and all seems to be going well.

Once again thanks so much for your prayers and support. Trust all's well on your side of the world.

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