

Dear family at Cannon Beach,

Raquel and I are now back in the Philippines, arriving April 26. We had a very good flight, though of course long (some 27 plus hours of traveling) with flight transfers in Seattle and Japan. Less than 24 hrs before our flight I was able to change my flight to be on the same flight as Raquel. I had booked my flight on Delta Sky Miles, putting me on a different flight than Raquel's flight. But when I called concerning checking in on line, the Delta rep asked me if I would like to go on the same flight as my wife with no extra charge. "Yes!" :) Thank you Lord!

Monday (May 2) a van will pick us up and bring us with our luggage to the island of Mindoro. For the next 14 months Raquel and I will be living in San Jose, Mindoro. In the past 5 years, almost every month Raquel and I have lived in a different location (throughout the Philippines, India and the USA). We finally will stay put for awhile as we will be overseeing the education of 30 Mangyan 3rd graders. These kids will be coming from villages throughout the island of Mindoro. I have shared with many of you as to why we are doing this. If interested, I can send you an attachment explaining the rationale for this program and the implementation of it. During our stay in San Jose this coming school year we will continue to oversee the translation of Waray and the three Mangyan languages, but more remotely.

We are so grateful to our Lord for the great time we had in the USA - Minnesota for over a month, then two months in Dallas, then back to Minnesota with a week on a ranch in South Dakota. Number one highlight of course was seeing our grandson Jude. He and his parents are doing very well. At 8 months Jude now can crawl and even stand up (still though needs to hold on to something like a coffee table or my pant leg). Scroll down to see the latest picture of Jude that Shoni posted on Face book. Lola (grandma) Raquel especially enjoyed spoiling Jude with lots of love. I once again enjoyed biking on the country roads and walking through the woods and fields, both on the S.D. ranch and on the Minnesota farm. And Raquel and I once again were able to enjoy our many friends in the Clarissa area. Now we are ready for taking care of our 30 informally adopted mga apo ("grandkids").

Thanks once again for your prayers for our various ministries and for especially Raquel's health, specifically her chronic bronchiectasis condition. Thanking the Lord though that lately she's been feeling good.

Yours in His service,

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[Scroll down if interested in some pictures of Jude and other scenes of our trip to the USA]



Below: the young and the old – Jude and lolo



Below: Shoni when around Jude's age with dad on the beach at Caluya.



Who taught babies how to smile?

Below: Our cousin's home on their ranch in South Dakota. Gary and Ann who live in the Twin cities asked us if they could pick us up in central Minnesota and ride with them to their ranch in South Dakota, near the Montana border. We had a great relaxing time on the ranch with them celebrating Ann's birthday.



Below: Raquel and I enjoyed walking around parts of the some 7000 acre (3000 plus hectare) ranch.



Kermit taking a selfie on his way to the ghost town of Harding 3 miles away on the four wheeler.



Actually Harding is not a total ghost town. It has a population of 3. Sure different there than where we are at presently – here in Manila with a population of around 12,000,000. :)

