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Blessings from God

As a child of God, I am blessed constantly. But sometimes God chooses to be silent. For example, in Job's life God kept silent for thirty-eight chapters. Even throughout the Psalms the psalmist is constantly asking the Lord to not be silent and not to be far from him. Though these times of silence can be frustrating and difficult, we can still know how much He loves us by looking to Calvary and remembering what He has already done for us. The silence is often where God chooses to stretch our faith and draw us closer to Him. So, when the blessings seem to cease in your life, continue to seek the Lord. He is already going before you to prepare the way. Because even in the silence and waiting, God is working. I am thankful for the many blessings of God these past couple of months, but I am also grateful for the times of His silence.

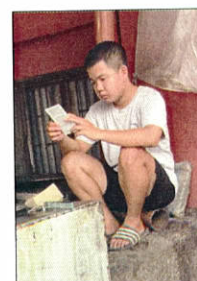
God blessed me by making progress on my visa. On October 7, I went to the immigration office to get a six month extension on my tourist visa. This was needed to have enough time to submit the application for my three year missionary visa and wait for its approval. I am praising the Lord that the extension was granted. The following Monday, God blessed me again with the provision of a trip to Manila to meet with my visa lawyer and deliver my documents. On our way we were stopped by a traffic officer, because we were in violation of the license plate code. In Manila since traffic is such a problem, they only allow license plates ending with certain numbers to drive each day. We did not think of this ahead of time because in Lipa City we do not have this rule. My "Uber" drivers talked with the traffic officer and explained what we were doing there and why we did not know. He was kind and excused us, but warned us that other traffic officers may or may not be so kind. So, we decided to park and take a taxi the rest of the way. Though this was very frustrating at the time, God used it for good, because three people (the traffic officer and the two taxi drivers) received a tract that would not have otherwise received.



I was able to meet with the visa lawyer, and she shared nothing but good news. All the documents needed were received. She informed me that the in-person interview with the Department of Immigration will be waived. This is such a blessing. The best news was hearing that if everything goes well, I can be granted the three year visa by December. The only thing left for me to do is wait for the approval and then go to the main immigration office in Manila and register. Oh, how I am praising the Lord to know this process is coming to an end soon. It is a great weight being lifted. Please continue to pray that God will go before me and prepare the way.

God blessed me by receiving my Filipino driver's license. When I first arrived in the Philippines, I told everyone I will never drive here. Even on deputation when I was asked about what my transportation would be, I always said public transportation. But as I have been here now for over six months (Praise the Lord!), I have seen the need and necessity of having a car. The search for a vehicle has begun. I have several people helping me look for one. I am thankful that I was able to sell my car stateside before I came. I have that money saved to put towards the car, and I am trusting God to supply the rest of the funds needed to purchase the vehicle. The kind of vehicle that I have decided on is a secondhand Toyota Avanza. It is a smaller SUV type vehicle that can fit up to seven people. The extra room is needed so I can help commute people to the children's outreach areas and other events when needed. Please pray that God will guide us to the exact vehicle He has for me.

God has blessed me by helping me in my language studies. I am starting to understand more and more. God has blessed me with such a great teacher. He encourages me to go outside my comfort zone all the time, and now many people have started trying to speak to me in Tagalog only, which helps a lot. The young people especially love to teach me new words and phrases. I am so thankful for the progress I am making. I was able to go out and give tracts recently with a group of young people in the public market. They told me what to say and then someone was always near me in case there was more conversation that I could not understand. Please continue to pray that I will be more confident in Christ to speak what I know and continue to be motivated to learn. I long to be able to understand and communicate fluently.



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"Looking for that blessed hope..." Titus 2:13