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**Thank you for your
prayers and support!**

Thy Will Be Done

Since my last prayer letter, God has been teaching me what this phrase truly means. It is said that the hardest, yet, most powerful prayer you can ever pray is "God, not my will, but let Thy will be done." It is difficult to utter these words to the Lord because it goes against everything our flesh is and wants. Our flesh is selfish and prideful. It does not want to submit to the will of the Heavenly Father. When I find it hard, I remember when Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane. He prayed as He sweat drops of blood, "O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done." (Matthew 26:42b) My Savior submitted to the will of His Father. "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:8) My prayer is that I always have the strength to pray, "Lord, thy will be done."

Thy will be done in future ministry. In my last prayer letter, I mentioned some traveling opportunities. At the end of June, I traveled north to the province of Pampanga. My prayer for this trip was for God to give me a vision for the future ministry He has called me to do. I was part of a church anniversary service for Beulah Land Baptist Church (BIO Missionaries Nap and Shirley Donado). It was a blessed time of fellowship and celebration of God's goodness. The following Monday evening, we visited Philippine Baptist Orphanage. This orphanage has been in operation for six years and has almost 100 children. The Lord allowed this opportunity for me to ask many questions. As we talked and toured the facility, I was overwhelmed by all the information. On Tuesday morning, we traveled to Subic Bay. We were just going to do some sight seeing, but God allowed us to find another orphanage to visit (Subic Bay Children's Home). This orphanage has been in operation for over thirty years and has more than 50 children. Being able to see two different facilities and how they operate, I was able to get a glimpse of what starting and running an orphanage would entail. It was a lot to process. I prayed and continue to pray for God to make this vision and calling more clear in the days to come. Though it will take several years to come to pass, I have started praying for God's will to be done as He leads and guides each step.

Thy will be done in ministry right now. In July I had the privilege to be a part of a youth camp. I was the camp nurse. Thankfully no major injuries or sicknesses occurred. I was so grateful to be able to use my nurse's training for the Lord once again. During the camp, God gave me an opportunity to share my testimony to more than three hundred young people. While at camp the Lord grew my burden and desire to work with young people—especially young ladies. My dream of an orphanage will not be possible without young people willing to surrender to ministry with a desire to serve the children of the Philippines. I am praying for more opportunities to develop relationships with young people not just from Heavenly Bible Baptist Church where I





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am currently serving, but in other churches too that I have come to know through the prayer and fasting ministry. I am praying that the Lord will give me five young ladies to disciple and train in ministry. I am also praying for God to give me more opportunities to serve the young people and that God will make me a blessing. I pray God's will to be done as He directs me in this growing desire for the young people.

Thy will be done in language studies. My language studies are currently on hold due to my teacher's college schedule for the Fall semester coming up. Once she gets her teaching schedule for the upcoming school year, we will resume our studies. I am thankful for the time I spend with the young people in the many outreaches and soul winning. They love helping me learn new words and phrases. They like to correct my pronunciation; we all get a good laugh. God has given me an opportunity this month to try my best to use the Tagalog I have learned to teach a small group of kids during the mid-week prayer meeting. It has been a good learning experience for me thus far. I am continuing to pray for God to give me more opportunities to use what I know. Please pray for my recall to be faster, especially during the times that my mind is tired. I continue to pray for God's will to be done through my Tagalog studies.

Thy will be done in renewing my visa. I mentioned in my February letter that I was granted a missionary visa; I also mentioned that I could renew it each year for up to five years without exiting the country. Well, it is that time of year to start preparing the documents for renewal. I was told that I only need one new document. It is a certificate from the local barangay (village) stating that I am rendering missionary services. I am praying that this document will be granted to me in a timely manner so that I will be able to submit it for the renewal of my visa by the end of this month or beginning of September. I am praying for God's will to be done in this process once again.

As I close this letter, another thought comes to mind about praying, "Lord, thy will be done." Whenever we pray for His will to be done, may we leave it in the Heavenly Father's precious, loving hands. Then we must choose to rest knowing that He has the best plan for our lives. We can trust that God will not withhold anything that is good (Psalm 84:11). That includes suffering and pain; He will not withhold anything that would bring us closer to Himself. It is all for our good and His glory.

May God's will be done in each of our lives. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! May God bless you and keep you.



Pampanga Trip



Youth Camp



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