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**GIVING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS**  
**IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**  
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**Thank you for your prayers and support!**

**Beautiful In His Time**

Ecclesiastes 3:11a says, "He hath made everything beautiful in his time..." One of my favorite things to do is go on walks. It helps to clear my head while talking with the Lord. Through these "In the Garden" moments, God has taught me and guided me. The joy that I experience with the Lord during these moments are some of the sweetest times. I have prayed for a life partner in the ministry since I was sixteen years old. I asked the Lord to help me be content in whatever state I am, whether that would be staying single or getting married. I often pray for God to help me stay focused on His calling on my life — to give Hope to the hopeless.

As I mentioned before, I asked the Lord to direct me to that special person He had for me if it was His will for me to be married in His perfect time. The Lord chose to bring that special person into my life this year. Our paths first crossed this past January while my dad was here. We met in Negros at the Baptist International Outreach Philippines' pastor and worker conference. Our paths crossed again this past June when I was invited to return to Negros to be the guest speaker at BIO Philippines' Quarterly Ladies meeting. Since that time we have communicated and prayed together often. I would like to introduce Pastor Jonell Gonzales by using his testimony as my Beauty from Ashes segment in this letter. Through his testimony and my own, my prayer is that you will see another example of how God makes all things beautiful in His time.

**Beauty for Ashes:** Pastor Jonell's childhood is like many here in the Philippines. He was raised in predominately Catholic family as the eldest of five children. However, at the age of eleven his mother passed away during childbirth. Devastated by the loss of his wife, Jonell's father abandoned his children. Jonell and his siblings were sent to live with their grandmother who by the grace of God was a believer. She raised them until she passed away when Jonell graduated from high school. Jonell's siblings were then dispersed among other relatives.

Jonell eventually came to know the Lord Jesus as his Savior through his grandmother's influence and a high school teacher. When he was a senior in high school, Jonell felt the call on his life to be in the ministry. However due to the pressure from his family he did not immediately answer the call at that time. God continued to work in Jonell's life through several circumstances, and he eventually surrendered to God and enrolled in a Bible School. After completing Bible school, Jonell began pastoring. He has now pastored three churches in seventeen years.

Due to Jonell being neglected and abandoned as a child, he also has a heart to give hope to the hopeless orphaned children here in the Philippines. We both can see how God has used the circumstances in our lives to prepare us for each other and the future ministry together. As you can see, God has not changed my calling to the orphans of the Philippines; He has given me a partner in ministry to help me fulfill it.

**Announcement:** I am excited to announce that we became engaged to be married on



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**Beautiful in His Time, continued**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was a perfect birthday present from the Lord. Since the day we first met in January until now, we can see the Lord's hand in preparing us for each other. We see how God will use our stories to make His name known to the hopeless. We have sought counsel with several godly people during these past months. We have asked my pastor, Mark Campbell, to continue counseling us for our pre-marriage counseling and even to continue counseling us after our wedding. We ask all of you to pray for us as we continue to seek the Lord in our preparations for our wedding, our marriage, and our future ministries.

My visa lawyer said it would be much better to be married here in the Philippines. We prayed about it and discussed it with my father, John Yingling, and my pastor. They have both have given their blessing for us to be married here in the Philippines. We plan to be married the month of April 2025 due to my dad already scheduled to come to the Philippines as the guest speaker at BIO Philippines 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference.

**Plans:** I will finish my training at the orphanage and then move to Negros to prepare for our wedding. After we are married, I will apply for my permanent visa here in the Philippines. Once I am approved, we will apply for his visa to visit the US. We are praying that God will open all the doors for us to come to the States in the Fall of 2025 for furlough. We truly covet your prayers for all of this.

While we wait for our visas after the wedding, I will continue my LBU courses in Bible Counseling and assisting Jonell in the church ministries. We will also be looking for property for the future orphanage. We want to start the orphanage after our furlough. As I have said many times already, we covet your prayers. We are trusting God for His provision financially for our wedding, our visas, and our tickets to the States. But most importantly, we are asking for your prayer that the Lord will continue to help us build a firm foundation on Him for our marriage and our ministries in order to bring glory to the Lord.

Thank you so much for all your love, prayers, and support over this past year. I am praying that each of you will have a **Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year!**



*“Looking for that blessed hope...” Titus 2:13*