

THE GONZALES NEWS REPORT

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While We Wait

While we wait, we are busy serving the Lord. Since our last prayer letter, we finished our first quarter of our children's program (Gospel Kids) at church. We had an average of fifteen to twenty children join our outreach each week. We are so thankful for our young people stepping up to lead each age group and taking turns teaching the lesson each week. We had several members in our church volunteer every week to cook for our feeding program before the children return home. We celebrated the end of the quarter with a graduation ceremony on September 28th. It was filled with a lot of awards, presentations from each age group, and a special meal from Jollibee (the Filipino McDonalds). We were able also to give each child a package of school supplies. We thank you all, our faithful supporters, for making this special day possible.

And we are busy preparing for our annual Thanksgiving Sunday on October 26th. We are praising the Lord this year for all that He has done in both of our lives. We also are looking forward to the ordination service of Jonell on this day. It is going to be such a special day. Please pray for all the activities to bring glory to the Lord and be a testimony of all the great things He has done.

Thank you for your prayers for us last August as we traveled to Pampanga (Northern Part of the Philippines). We were blessed to serve the Lord together. Jonell was the guest speaker at a men's fellowship while I spoke at a ladies' conference. We were also able to be a blessing in Beulah Land Baptist Church Sunday morning services. We are so thankful for these opportunities to encourage fellow men and women in ministry.

While we wait, we are learning to continue to trust the Lord for His perfect timing. We were praying to be in the US for the holidays, but we received an update from our visa lawyer, saying that my resident visa was in its last review and then would be presented to the board of commissioners. When asked how long the estimate time this would take, we were informed it would be another month – meaning we would not know the result until November. And then we need to submit Jonell's visa paperwork for his visa to go to the US, which can take up to three months. So, our new goal is to be heading to the US by February 2026. Please pray for God to cut through the red tape so that we can get to the US as soon as possible.

We are also waiting for our official survey of our land we purchased in August. We have purchased some materials to make a temporary fence, but we cannot move forward with getting water and electricity to build the permanent wall and start construction on the actual house until we have the official survey. Once we have electricity and water on our land, we can meet with an architect to discuss our housing plans. Please continue to pray for this process as we live an hour away from our ministry (as I have mentioned before in past letters).

"Defend the poor and fatherless... rid them out of the hand of the wicked." Psalm 82:3-4

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While we wait, we continue to pray and seek the Lord for future ministries. We continue to seek the Lord about starting an orphanage here. There have been several uncertainties lately in the government, but we are praying and trusting the Lord for His guidance and timing. As we wait, we are seeking the Lord in all the details that go into running an orphanage. Please continue to pray for wisdom as we plan.

We also are praying about starting a Bible school. Our ministry is based in a rural area where it is hard for young people to attend other Bible schools. Since our ministry is more centralized in Negros we are praying to have a Bible school here in the future. We are praying that this will help produce future workers in the ministry.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Our prayer is that we will be together with you all very soon. May God continue to bless you all.

