



# THE GONZALES NEWS REPORT

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## Thou Art Worthy, O Lord

*"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."*

– Revelation 4:11

**Our Lord is worthy to receive glory** for all He has done for Jonell and me. He has strengthened us and continues to mold us to be more like Himself each day. He uses both of us in His service to be a blessing and to show others His love. We give all glory and praise to the Lord for a successful Thanksgiving Service this past October 26th. We had over 200 people in attendance, and during the afternoon service Jonell was ordained. It was a day full of gratitude and blessings. Our church family stepped up and handled everything in preparation for the special day. It was truly a blessing to serve alongside our members.



**Our Lord is worthy of honor** for His provision these last few months. As many of you know, we have been praying about the visas needed for us to return to the US for our furlough. In October, we were told that we would not receive a decision on my permanent resident visa for the Philippines until November 7th. Then we learned that my visa was not included in that meeting and would be delayed another month. Though discouraged, we used November to gather the documentation Jonell needs for his US visa application. Then, on December 2nd, we received word that my permanent resident visa was granted—and that they would expedite the implementation process. We praise the Lord for this outcome!

We are also thankful for the Lord's help in submitting all of Jonell's paperwork and his visa application to visit the US. Our tentative departure date is January 26th. We are currently waiting for an interview appointment at the US Embassy. Once we have the appointment—and the result—we will purchase our tickets. Please continue to pray for this final step before making our plans. As soon as we have confirmed dates, we will send out another letter with our full itinerary.

We are grateful that the Lord has already provided two church meetings for this spring in the US, and we are praying to be there in person for both. God knows every detail that must come together for this to happen, and we trust that He is able.

**Our Lord is also worthy of power** for His protection. Not only has He kept us safe through several typhoons these past months, but also through a break-in at our home. While we were at our church an hour away on November 9th, our house was broken into and several items were stolen, including my laptop. We thank the Lord that we were not home at the time. Due to my laptop's "find my device" being enabled, we were able to see its last known location and share that with the police. Although the laptop and other items were ultimately wiped and not recovered, we are grateful that most things can be replaced. Since the break-in, the homeowner has installed CCTV cameras and bars on the windows, which brings us comfort. Please continue to pray for our protection as we serve the Lord.

As we enter this holiday season, our hearts are full of praise. We thank God first and foremost for giving us His only begotten Son, the Savior of the world. We also thank each of you for your faithful prayers and support over the last four years. We look forward to seeing you soon. May you have a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**!

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