



THE GONZALES NEWS REPORT

March 2026

God is Good Even in the Waiting

Visa: In our last prayer letter, we shared that our furlough had been postponed while we wait for Jonell's immigration visa to be processed—a journey that can take up to eighteen months. Since then, we've made progress by hiring an immigration lawyer, completing documents, and gathering the necessary information. We are praying that the application and first step will be completed within the next couple of months. The process requires patience, which can be difficult, but we continue to trust that God is good even in the waiting.

Pregnancy: We also shared the joyful news of the precious gift God has given us. Several prenatal appointments and ultrasounds have confirmed that Baby Gonzales is healthy and growing right on track. At our last ultrasound on March 17th, Baby decided not to cooperate, so we'll have to wait until the upcoming anatomy scan to learn the gender. Either way, our hearts are full of excitement. I am doing well, especially now that I'm well into the second trimester. I'm grateful for days filled with energy, and we are officially past the halfway point to meeting our little one. Though I sometimes feel anxious for the arrival, I rest in the truth that God is good even in the waiting.

Mission House Project: As mentioned previously, we are in the process of securing our land title so that water and electricity can be installed. This step has become increasingly urgent, as it will allow us to begin phase one of our housing project: building a small one or two-bedroom guest house so we can move closer to our ministry. Phase two will be the construction of our main house. Currently, we drive an hour each way to be with our church family, which is both time-consuming and costly, especially with gas prices in the Philippines exceeding \$8 per gallon.

We are thankful to have a lawyer assisting us with the paperwork. The legal fees were covered by leftover funds from the generous donation that helped us secure the land last August. However, an additional \$2,000 is needed for fees and taxes to finalize the title. If you feel led to give toward this need, donations can be sent to BIO marked "Gonzales Mission House Project." While we wait for God's provision to begin phase one, we continue to trust His goodness in the waiting.

Ministry Project: Each year, our church undertakes a project to improve our property. Last year, we raised funds to install two standing air conditioning units, which have been a blessing in the hot Philippine climate. This year, we are praying and raising money to build classrooms for our children's ministry. Currently, the children meet under a bamboo and palm hut, which has become unusable. Without a proper space, they are unable to gather when it is too hot or raining.

The first phase of this project will include building a firewall between our property and the neighboring lot, as well as constructing the first classroom. The estimated cost is \$20,000.

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

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Plans are being drawn up, and we hope to begin construction this month. If you would like to give toward this project, donations can be sent to BIO marked "Gonzales Ministry Project." Our goal is to complete the first phase by the end of June. Though we must wait to see how God provides, we know He is good even in the waiting.

Beauty in Ashes: Although we are still waiting on the Lord's timing to open an orphanage, I want to share the story of a teenage girl God brought to our church last year. She is originally from Manila, where her mother abandoned her and her brother when they were young. Their father cared for them until his passing several years ago. Since then, they have been passed between relatives. Sadly, she and her brother suffered abuse from their uncle, leading them to live with another family member who attends our church. Her brother was later sent to live with an aunt farther away, but she remained here and began attending services with the family.

At first, she was shy and hesitant to participate. But week by week, she joined in more activities and began to blossom. As an orphan, she lacked funds for snacks or toiletries, so during our winter youth camp, Jonell and I were able to bless her and others by covering camp fees and providing essentials. Her joy was priceless—she smiled throughout camp, won third place in storytelling, and radiated confidence. We continue to pray that she will come to know Christ as her Savior.

Even though we do not yet have an orphanage, God has entrusted us with caring for abandoned and orphaned children through our church ministry.

Closing: We are deeply grateful for your love, kindness, and support. March 23rd marks four years since I first arrived in the Philippines. I could never have imagined all that the Lord would do in my life, but I know I would not have made it through these years without your faithful prayers and encouragement. Truly, God is good even in the waiting. As we continue to wait for the day, we can see each other face to face again, please know how much Jonell and I love and appreciate each of you who have invested in our lives and ministry. May God bless you abundantly.



Our Church



The yellow line is our Mission House Property.

