



THE GONZALES NEWS REPORT

July 2026

Serving Where We Are

Visa: In our last prayer letter, we shared that Jonell's visa had been submitted. Since then, we have received notification that it has been received and is under review. As mentioned in past letters, this first step is the longest. As we wait, we continue to serve the Lord faithfully where we are.

Ministry: Since our last letter, our church has hosted some events. On May 22nd, we held our back-to-school retreat with sixty-two young people present. Each attendee received a back-to-school packet, and the day was filled with lectures, games, and preaching. It was a good day.

After the retreat, our church began preparing to host the BIO-Philippines' Ladies Quarterly Conference. It was a blessing to work alongside our ladies as they prepared for this special event. The theme the Lord laid on my heart was "In Your Place for His Purpose," emphasizing that no matter where God places us—in a secular job, in ministry, or in the home—we are there with a God-given purpose. Our guest speaker on June 27th did a wonderful job encouraging the ladies to be faithful in the place God has put them. We had more than one hundred sixty ladies present, along with the BIO-Philippines' pastors. It was a great time of fellowship and time in God's Word. Jonell and I are overwhelmed by how greatly our members go above and beyond to make each event God allows us to host a success. We are so thankful for the place God has put us to serve Him.

Our Projects: We are praising the Lord that, through several donations, God has provided the remaining funds needed to obtain the land title for our mission house property. It is still being processed, but once we receive the title, we look forward to preparing the land for building.

We have also received donations for our ministry project: children's ministry classrooms. We were blessed to place a temporary steel structure, including posts and a roof, where our children's ministry can meet. It provides some protection during light rain, but it does not protect them well during typhoon rains. We continue to pray for the remaining funds needed to finish the project by adding walls in God's perfect timing.

Pregnancy: As I write this letter, we are in the final days of my pregnancy. My personal prayer throughout this pregnancy has been that the Lord would give me strength to continue serving Him, even on the rough days. I am so thankful that I have not missed an activity or service. After the ladies' conference, I had my last ultrasound on June 29th and learned that my amniotic fluid was too high. I was advised to limit my water intake and begin walking regularly. My doctor has been such a blessing. She knows that I want to deliver our little man as naturally as possible, but because of the complications that can come with high amniotic fluid, she has decided not to allow me to go to 40 weeks. If our baby boy does not arrive by our next appointment on July 16th, we will receive the order to be induced on July 17th at 39 weeks. We are so excited to finally meet our baby and will update you all on his arrival as soon as we can. We covet your prayers for the Lord to protect both me and the baby during delivery.

We are so thankful to the ones who have blessed us with special gifts for our baby. We are thankful also for the faithful supporters and prayer partners the Lord has blessed us with. We are truly looking forward to the day we can see you all face to face. Until then, we continue to serve faithfully where He has placed us.

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