

THE GONZALES NEWS REPORT

September 2026

God Remains Faithful

"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself." - II Timothy 2:13

Jonell and I want to begin by thanking you for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and support. Over the past couple of months, the Lord has tested our faith in several ways, yet through every situation He has reminded us again that He remains faithful.

Family Update. Our faith was especially tested through the delivery of our son. In our last letter, we mentioned that I might need to be induced if he did not arrive by week 39 of my pregnancy because of high amniotic fluid. I was admitted to the hospital on July 18 to begin the induction process. After 36 hours with no progress, Jonell and I, with our doctor's guidance, decided that a C-section was the best option to keep both me and our baby safe. God was faithful, and our sweet baby boy, Simeon John (SJ), was born on July 20 at 12:49 p.m. Philippine time, weighing seven pounds and fifteen ounces. Since his birth, there have been several health challenges, but the Lord has helped us through each one. We are thankful to share that SJ is doing much better and will be two months old this month.

Visa Update. We are still waiting for Jonell's visa approval. This first step in the process can take up to a year. We received notification that the department has received all the documents and the payment for processing, but we have not heard anything further. Though the waiting can be difficult, we know our God remains faithful. Please pray that the visa will be approved in the Lord's perfect timing and that He will continue to give us patience and strength as we wait.

Last year, I mentioned that my Filipino residential visa was approved. The first year after approval is a probationary year. I will submit the renewal application and documents for permanent status as soon as I receive the remaining documents needed. Please pray that this renewal will be approved without delay.

Ministry Building Projects. Our faith has also been tested financially. There have been many needs and ministry projects before us, but the Lord has continued to provide. We are still praying for the funds needed to build a Sunday School classroom and begin our mission house, and we are thankful that God has already provided a couple of people...

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who are interested in helping. At this time, we are working on a sketch plan for our first Sunday School classroom. We also have a steel shelter that was graciously provided for our children's ministry while we wait for construction to begin. We are praying that we will be able to begin building soon.

The property title for our mission house is still being processed, and we are thankful that the funds needed to receive the title have been provided. We are preparing to clear and ready the land so that, once we have the title, electricity and water can be installed. Please continue to pray for both the Sunday School classroom and the mission house property.

Future Ministry Burden. Through every trial, God has remained faithful. We are grateful for His provision, His timing, and the prayers of those who continue to stand with us. Since becoming parents, Jonell and I have thought even more about children who have been abused and abandoned. Our desire to start an orphanage continues to grow, and we are praying that God will one day allow us to care for children who need to see and know the love of Christ.

Please pray with us for:

- SJ's continued health and growth.
- Jonell's visa approval in God's perfect timing.
- My permanent residency renewal to be approved without delay.
- Provision for the Sunday School classroom and mission house projects.
- Wisdom and direction as we pray about future orphanage ministry.

Thank you again for faithfully praying for us and for the work here in the Philippines. We are humbled by your love and support and are grateful to serve a God who remains faithful in every season.

Our Mission House Property





Our Church



Our Classroom Plan



SJ's First Sunday





SJ all ready for Church

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