



Our Dear Brothers and Sisters in our Lord Jesus – Our King!!

We've been back home in Mindanao for 3 days now – a homecoming that started in a beautiful and gentle way with a party for our granddaughter Char's 24th birthday and a happy reunion with our daughter Jen, son-in-law Udi, all four grandkids, and Ducky! (And Duca, our cat 😊)

We are missing Jubab and the memory of our emotional family hug on the sidewalk outside the Perth airport, and of him driving away, still hurts our hearts. We're counting the days and months until we will be able to see him again. Probably this year we will make some brief visits to Australia to be with Jubab and our ageing mothers. We can work from here or Australia but prefer greatly to be here in the Philippines.

It's so wonderful to be "back in the saddle" after six months away, and to look back over the past 6 months at how FAITHFUL our precious Lord Jesus has been to us and how He kept us upright through a time which held a lot of suffering and turmoil for our family.

It also held joys and our hearts are still buzzing with our recent 45-day trip to South Australia, NSW, and Qld where we caught up with and had precious fellowship with so many dear, wonderful, life-long

supporters of the work, friends and family and churches who showered us with love and blessings. We have a GOOD, GOOD FATHER who provides everything for us!!

Our six months away from the churches here did not weaken them or cause them to falter in any way, they are all flourishing under good leadership and growing closer to the Lord as they persevere through the many hardships as well as joys of life here on earth, waiting for our home-coming to the city not built with human hands, where our Lord Jesus has gone on ahead to prepare a place for each of us. They did keep us constantly in their prayers and hearts though and they are very happy to have us back, as we are to be back.

Please pray with us this year for:

1. The printing of the commentaries on the books of Revelation and 1 Timothy in two languages – Cebuano and Talaandig.
2. Producing a commentary on the book of 1 Corinthians in Cebuano and Talaandig, which we hope to start this month.
3. The many speaking engagements we have throughout this year in the churches in all the regions.
4. For wisdom and much grace as we continue to disciple and help our missionary teams.
5. Protection from the enemy as we move about in areas where we are in the firing line for a lot of backlashes against the Gospel.

Much love,

Paul and Deb