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**IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**  
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**NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND**

I cannot believe how fast this year has gone. I am beyond grateful for your prayers since my last prayer letter. There has been so much going on, and I am so excited to share how the Lord has been teaching me. The Lord has given opportunities to serve Him in different aspects of the ministry and continues to give me opportunities. I pray you will be blessed to read all of the things that the Lord is doing to prepare me for my future ministry to abandoned and orphaned children.

**Opportunities to Serve**

One prayer request that I had mentioned in my June prayer letter was for the opportunity to travel to the island of Negros. I was the scheduled speaker at the BIO Philippines quarterly ladies' fellowship. The Lord truly blessed that trip in so many ways. He gave me freedom and calmness as I taught on Isaiah 61:1-3. God used that trip to open my mind and heart to so many possibilities for the future. And, as a bonus, He gave me more friends in the ministry. Thank you for your prayers; the Lord answered them.

Upon my return from Negros, I started a summer Bible study with the youth girls at the orphanage. I averaged about twenty girls. The Lord laid on my heart to teach them how to be young ladies after God's own heart. We met three times a week from July 12 to 26. Our lessons were about different types of hearts—for example having a devoted heart to listen God's Word (Mary and Martha), a committed heart to prayer (Hannah), an obedient heart to follow God's will (King Saul vs King David), and a servant's heart (Ruth). There were seven lessons in all. I am praising the Lord that He used this opportunity to help start relationships with some of the girls.

On August 12, I started my newest adventure at the orphanage. I am teaching a skills class twice a week. The class includes a variety of topics. For the first quarter, the topic is cooking. This is the very first year that the orphanage has their own private school. The school is just for grades 7-10. Their vision is to add all the elementary grades within the next couple of years. I am very grateful for this opportunity to gain experience in what it takes to start and have a school exclusively for the children of the orphanage. Please pray for God's continued guidance for the teacher and others involved in the education. We need God's wisdom and discernment.

Another opportunity the Lord gave me is returning to college to obtain my Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Counseling. I prayerfully sought the Lord's will in this growing desire to better equip myself for ministry. Through my time at the orphanage, I have seen the need for counseling. At the beginning of August, I enrolled in the online program at Louisiana Baptist University and was accepted. I have begun my first course. I chose the option to take my classes course-by-course so that I can continue my internship and other duties simultaneously. I am asking that you pray for me to have good time management in preparing to teach my class at the school, my own personal education, and everything else that comes with being in the ministry.

**Upcoming Events**

September 23 marks two-and-half years of being in the Philippines. I know that a lot of churches schedule their missionaries a year in advance or more. I wanted to inform you of my tentative dates for my furlough next year. My internship at the orphanage will end the first quarter of 2025, and then I plan to take a couple of months to begin

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the planning process for the opening of my orphanage upon my return. The tentative date to begin my furlough is mid-May or June 2025, and my tentative date to return to the Philippines is mid-March or April 2026. If you would like to go ahead and put me on your church's calendar for 2025/2026, please contact the BIO office (865-262-0900) and ask to speak with John Yingling concerning my furlough schedule. He will be helping me to keep track of my meeting schedule due to me not being able to take stateside calls. But if you would rather reach out to me personally, you can email me. I will continue to update you when I have firm dates. I covet your prayers for the planning for the future orphanage.

**Beauty for Ashes**

As you read the title of this prayer letter, maybe you wondered what this letter was going to be about. In Mark 10:14, Jesus Christ was displeased with His disciples for not allowing the children to come to Him. Jesus tells them, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." I believe this is a picture of the Lord's *No Child Left Behind* program. As I mentioned in my last prayer letter, I will be sharing stories of children or certain circumstances that are a challenge in orphanages for you to be able to know how to better pray for children and orphanages all over the world.

The Lord continues to burden my heart for the neglected, abused, and orphaned children. We know the phrase *No Child Left Behind* and know the meaning behind it. But this phrase has a different meaning to me since I started interning at the orphanage. The Lord said, "Suffer not the little children to come unto me..." Children should have the same opportunity to grow in their knowledge of Christ as anyone else. They should never be discriminated because they are "too young". They should never be denied the chance to know the love of Christ. We often imagine children as not having been exposed to the wickedness of the world, but through no fault of their own many have their innocence ripped from them, and at such a young age. Recently I have been broken-hearted and disgusted to hear stories shared with me by young girls that have been sexually abused. These girls will struggle emotionally and mentally for years to come!

It's natural for young girls to have a crush on boys; it is part of how God has designed us. Having a childhood crush is innocent, but because of the abuse that these girls have experienced they cannot just think of it as a crush. They see the boys and automatically think of them in a sexual way. At times, depending on the severity of the abuse, they long for it. When I pray for them, I pray for God's mercy! Their moral depravity has been inflamed by sin. Their innocence was stolen from them, and they can never get it back! However, the Lord can help them renew and restore their minds. When I think of the phrase *No Child Left Behind*, I think of the heart of God and His desire for all children to come Him and to know Him as their personal Savior. He is the only one that can save them from their dreadful past.

I ask that when you pray, pray for the abused and abandoned children all over the world. Pray not just for their physical needs and protection from predators, but pray for them to know God personally. Pray for a desire to know God with all of their heart, soul and mind. Without God at the center of their lives, they will never be free of the nightmares that they live with every day. I am begging you to pray for them. Pray for the people around the world that you know working with children. Pray that God will give them wisdom and discernment on how to handle each and every situation. Pray that God will help them to instill a desire to know and love God by their own example. Pray that we who work in this ministry would live in such a way that they see Christ in us!

As I close this prayer letter, I ask that you go back and make prayer bullets for all these prayer requests and pray specifically for each one. Over the past two-and-half years on the mission field, God has shown me and continues to show me how important and powerful specific prayer is in our daily lives. I want to thank you all again for your prayers, support, and love since the very beginning of my missionary endeavors. It has been a blessing and encouragement to know people are taking me to the Lord in prayer.

May God continue to bless each one of you.

*"Looking for that blessed hope..." Titus 2:13*