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The Griffiths' November 2026 Update

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Hello friends & family,
Here is a little update about some of the things that we have been up to.

Leading Worship at Home (Malaysia)



Grace leading worship at her home church in Sandakan, Malaysia.

In August, I, Graceila, was invited and sponsored to return to the church I grew up in for our Worship Conference, not only to be ministered to but also to minister to the congregation through leading worship.

It had been more than a decade since I led worship in Malay, so it took a few weeks of practice and preparation before flying back for the conference. It was such an encouraging and meaningful experience to reconnect with friends and family, and to minister alongside the young people and children, most of whom are now teenagers I once had the privilege of discipling and serving alongside.

Growing up as an immigrant child in a small town, my sisters and I found the church to be a safe place, a place where we belonged, were nurtured, and were given opportunities to grow. For children like us, there weren't always many opportunities to thrive, but I will always be grateful for how intentional our church's Overseer, Mr. Vela

Tan, and Pastors were in investing in our growth, especially our spiritual formation.

I remember how our church would either host or send us to various trainings, including training in children's ministry, evangelism to muslims, worship, music classes, on top of our weekly discipleship groups. I also remember learning to speak English at a very young age through our exposure to both Malay and English Bibles.

Looking back, my recent trip reminded me that so much of what I am doing today in the Philippines is rooted through the seeds that were planted in me by my home church. The intentional training and discipleship were not wasted. They were preparing us for the work of God beyond the walls of our home church and even beyond our own country.

Gordon and I are products of churches that believe in intentional discipleship, raising Kingdom-minded believers, and taking the Great Commission seriously. What a beautiful reminder that when a church intentionally invests in the next generation, its impact can go far beyond its own congregation. The seeds planted today can become a harvest for the Kingdom in places we may never have imagined.

Empower Kids, Mambatangan



Last month's visit to Empower Kids, Mambatangan with our new volunteers Ate Gang and Ate Ging. Click on the picture to see a recent Facebook video of our Empower Kids' Gift shop in Mambatangan.

This month, we had an answered prayer for our children's ministry: new volunteer teachers! Ate Gang (a former YWAM missionary) and her sister, Ate Ging, helped teach a beautiful lesson about God's love right before our last Gift Shop of the year. We met them at a house church that we previously attended for several years, and God led us to know them and their heart to serve in children's ministry. Eventually, we asked if they would help our children's ministry, and they said, "Yes!"

Please continue to pray for them and the other young leaders, specifically the local kids who help every week, as they grow in their faith and understanding of God's Word. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them, give them wisdom, and empower them as they lead and teach the children from the Scriptures.

Preaching at Cagayan Gospel Church



Gordon preaching at Cagayan Gospel Church. Click the picture to view his sermon.

The sermon starts at 30:45.

Cagayan Gospel Church was founded in 1986 by Chinese Christian missionaries who also established a Christian school in our city, Oro Christian Grace School, where our daughter, Kalinaw, is currently studying.

Last month, as part of their Missions Month celebration, Gordon was invited to preach on missions. He shared how God's mission flows from the love of the Father, and His love leads us to trust the Father who leads us into Spirit-empowered and Spirit-guided missions to the poor (from select verses in Luke chapters 3 & 4). We received encouraging feedback. Even the School Director, whose husband previously pastored the church and is now church-planting in Korea (a fellow Fuller Seminarian), mentioned that Gordon's message offered a perspective on missions she had never heard or considered before.

We are praying that the congregation will be encouraged and challenged to live out God's calling, not only on Sundays, but also in their everyday lives, becoming extensions of God's love wherever He has placed them.

Special Prayers & Praises

Gordon's Heart Ablation Surgery

Since the surgery is not available on our island, Mindanao, Gordon and I, Grace, will be traveling up to Manila for Gordon's heart ablation surgery, which will take place on December 1. He has had PVC bradyarrhythmia for some years now, and he is finally qualified for the ablation surgery.

Please pray for God's protection throughout our travels (November 29-December 4), His provision for all the expenses, a successful procedure and smooth recovery for Gordon, and understanding and comfort for Kalinaw as we will be away from her again for about a week (we recently traveled up to Manila for a week to work on Grace's US Visa). We will be flying back to our city just three days after the surgery, so we are also asking God for wisdom, strength, and safety as we make that journey home.

Grace Got her US Visa!

Speaking of Grace's US Visa, she got it! After more than 12 years of marriage and lots of prayer, Grace finally got her US visa. She will finally be able to meet many of my, Gordon's, friends and family, including many of you all. We are currently in the planning stages of scheduling our itinerary, which is a lot of work. So, please pray that the logistical planning will go smoothly, and that we will have the time to meet the people who God wants us to meet, and we will have some fun while we do it.

Other Prayers for Ministry

- Please continue to pray for the people in the addiction recovery Bible study. My, Gordon's, goal is for them to make an intimate relationship with Jesus their priority above recovery, since God is often simply a supplementary "higher power" that helps their recovery.
- Please pray that the young adult Bible study we lead results in attendees reaching out to and discipling others.

Facebook

Please follow our Facebook Page to see pictures and videos on what is happening with us and our Philippine-Based non-profit organization, Katartismos International, INC. Click on the link below to see more:

Katartismos International Facebook

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Support Pledged: 72.4% Raised!

We are still fundraising for World Partners and are over halfway to our goal. We are looking for those who are willing to pledge financial support, whether monthly, quarterly, or annually, but are also open to one-time donors. If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about our ministry, please do not hesitate to contact us. We would love to set up a time to video chat and have a conversation about partnering with us.

GIVING

There are three ways to give to our ministry through World Partners.

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