

# PHILIPPINES

## THE STEDMAN FAMILY

Greetings Pastors, Churches, Friends and Family,

July/August 2018

Thank you all for your prayers in regards to our travels back to the USA. There was a delay and some difficulties but the Lord helped and strengthened us all the way. The delay out of Manila provided us an opportunity to run through the terminal at Incheon to catch our next flight. The terminal really looked nice and modern but was a blur, not because I run fast, mind you, but because of being up very early and 2½ hours in line through immigration just to process out of the Philippines!

In 2 Kings 5:11 Naaman stated in anger, "Behold, I thought," when God didn't do things the way he thought that it should be done. Thankfully I have not reacted in anger for quite a while, when behold what I thought was not what God thought. Transportation was a concern upon our arrival. Behold, I thought, I could get a good deal from a Christian that has a dealership in the Midwest; buy a car; use it for 4 months; then sell it for a profit! Anna did not have peace with my plan and asked that I not be too hasty and pray more about it, so we did. In spite of "Behold, I thought," we arrived on a Tuesday afternoon, went to church Wednesday night and a family in our sending church asked us if we needed a car. Praise the Lord! The vehicle is a manual transmission and Anna cannot drive a stick very well at all. The Lord had it covered though, as on Sunday at church another family asked if we needed anything for our time in the States. I told them of the dilemma as I was going to be traveling and Anna wouldn't have a car to drive. They lent us their Toyota 4Runner with an automatic transmission to use for our time in the States. Behold what I thought and my plans were not even close to what God had in mind!!!

Thank you to all who prayed and gave to help us to attend the wedding of our oldest son Caleb. It was such a blessing. Caleb and Jacey are starting their life honoring the Lord and we are well pleased. We had a great time of fellowship getting acquainted with her family and reconnecting with our family as well.

I was able to go to 3 churches in Texas and 2 in Arizona with the help of a good friend and brother who provided standby tickets. I was encouraged and was able to exhort these brethren with the update of the ministry in the Philippines. August and September we were in the Pacific Northwest and were able to present the update in 8 churches and to be in 2 mission conferences. We preached on the street in Walla Walla, WA; Boise, ID and Portland, Oregon as well.

We have had some problems receiving mail from the US and we figured out the only way to get mail in a timely manner (meaning less than 8 months to receive a letter) is for any letters or correspondence to be sent First Class Mail.

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We will be heading back to PI October 23 and have a few **prayer requests**: 1. Settling back into the culture and environment. 2. IBMP graduation in December 3. New Students for 2019 Institute. 4. Finding a good Cebuano Tutor and the time to study. 5. The Immigration process.

Thank you,  
Greg Stedman

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