

NextGen Mission

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HELPING MISSIONARY KIDS

My work with MKs has not ended. When school opened in August, I found myself being contacted by students (and staff) asking for help with their SAT and ACT preparations, how to write the essay effectively for scholastic exams and for those applying early for college admission, how to respond to essay prompts. Several students expected to be in my Academic English classes where those topics are covered, but the school can no longer offer the class this year. I wrote the curriculum for that course the prior year and was privileged to see success in both exam scores and college admissions. Current and past students of Faith Academy also request to meet with me personally for guidance and encouragement.

Three of those in my classes who graduated the past two years have decided to enroll at local universities. They are applying for admission at the University of the Philippines where I now hold a Bible study for freshmen. I believe my ministry among children of missionaries will continue but from a different setting.

BIBLE STUDY AT MY CONDO

Since September 2014, I have the privilege of conducting in-depth Bible study at my condominium almost daily. We have been reading the book of Exodus, having completed all the chapters of Genesis along with portions of the gospels. It has been a joy to see a new friend from the neighborhood, Jeff Natividad come to my Bible study and offer help in my home, cooking and cleaning since my episode of diabetic coma. What a joy it was when suddenly, Jeff comes bringing his younger brother Jose Natividad because "he too is interested in Bible study". Both young men are in their late 20s, living in a community where you could see abject poverty and lossness. The brothers, however, are well-

ACCIDENT: I FELL ASLEEP DRIVING

Last month, I met with a former student from Faith Academy, Jonathan Kim, for Bible study and prayer; had lunch with him and was greatly encouraged by his desire to study in the University of the Philippines and help me start a discipleship Bible study. On my way home, about 2 PM., I was driving at Ortigas Avenue, a busy street that is often heavy in traffic, when suddenly, I fell out of conscious and hit the middle divider. I was suffering a diabetic coma, a condition that potentially could lead to death if I am not awoken in time. I was assisted by several policemen thinking, I suffered a stroke or a heart attack. The left-front side of my car was badly damaged but I was still able to drive back home. I am so glad the engine was not ruined and the repairs were manageable. My doctor from the US does not want to put me on insulin but advised me to not always be alone. I have become more vigilant to measure my blood-sugar with the glucometer. I am so glad, my doctor was able to bring home the test strips I could not find in the Philippines.

PLEASE PRAY . . .

- ❖ As I share the gospel to Dr. Andre Feria and his wife Lyss. They are parents of a former student who was enrolled at Faith Academy. Their daughter returned to Georgia in disobedience to her parents. The couple is very devastated. Pray as I continue to meet with them to share the love of God. The wife is a devout Roman Catholic but Andre seems open to the gospel.
- ❖ As I continue my Bible study at home and at the University of the Philippines and share the gospel to students.
- ❖ As I experience difficult times of loneliness.

(In the picture are Jeff and Jose Natividad reading the book of Exodus. Pray for their genuine, saving faith in Jesus Christ.) Merry Christmas to you and Blessings!

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