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Dear Pastor and Church Family:

In January of this year, we began our third new work since arriving in the Philippines twenty-nine years ago. We are starting a church in the town of Molave, the center of a booming agricultural area called Salug Valley. Because of our responsibilities at Westside Baptist College of Ministry, we have to divide our time each week between Dipolog City and Molave.

On Thursday afternoons, I make the 90-minute drive through the mountains along with some recent graduates of our Bible College who are helping us part-time. Then on Fridays after school, Jeanne and Emily drive down with two other part-time workers. All day Saturday is given to door-to-door visitation, following-up prospects, discipleship, and Home Bible Studies. After the service on Sunday evenings, we all drive back to Dipolog City, usually arriving by 8:30 P.M. We unload the two vehicles, and then Jeanne, Emily and I take off to a nearby café for supper. On Monday morning I am back to work in the Bible College, while Jeanne and Emily are back to homeschooling again. The schedule can be tiring, and living in two places can be draining, but we are certainly enjoying what we are doing.

The Lord has provided a great team of workers, a house in an excellent location for services, a small apartment for our family, and constant protection on the roads. Even though both of our vehicles are well-worn, a ten-year old Ford and a twelve-year old Toyota, we have not had any mechanical problems, and only one flat tire while traveling. But there have been a few mishaps while traveling back on Sunday evenings. One night I barely avoided hitting two run-away horses head on. One of the horses did graze the side of the vehicle, breaking the side view mirror, scratching the paint, and damaging the rear fender. A head on collision could have been fatal for us and for the horses. Another evening I hit a large dog that did much more damage than the horses. Another time a truck tossed a stone that chipped the windshield, which caused a crack half way across the glass. Jeanne thinks she is a better driver than I am because all of these things happened to my vehicle and nothing to hers.

Most importantly, we have been able to communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a large number of people over the last seven months. During our second baptism service a few weeks ago, twenty-one persons were baptized. Weekly attendance at the Sunday services has been very good with some people coming faithfully every week. We are grateful for the privilege of being involved in world missions and thankful also for your part in world missions. May God continue to bless you by His grace.

Sincerely in Christ,

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