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Deputation News – This is the first time Jeanne has been able to travel full-time with me during a furlough since 1993 and we have really enjoyed being together. Emily is a patient traveler (usually), but it does wear her down riding in the back seat of a van hour after hour, day after day. We keep telling her to just think of it as a one-year field trip. However, we need to come up with something else because that is no longer working!

Over the last three months we have visited 19 churches in 9 different states, going as far west as California and as far south as the great state of Alabama. We are very thankful for God's protection and watch care over us and over our vehicle. We have seen multiple accidents, both slight and tragic, and multitudes of vehicles with mechanical problems and flat tires along the roads. Yet, after traveling 30,000 miles since arriving in the U.S. on June 28, we had a flat tire while sitting at a restaurant and a dead battery while staying at a hotel.

We rarely mention finances in our prayer letters, preferring rather to let the Lord take care of that as He chooses, both for His work and for our needs. But we do want to express our deep appreciation for the churches over the last few months that have voted to increase their support for the ministry in Mindanao. And, we are also extremely grateful for the churches and individuals who have given special offerings to help construct a much-needed building for Westside Baptist College of Ministry in Dipolog City.

Family News – Jeanne and I celebrated our fortieth wedding anniversary on December 22. We were married while we were both in college. We had a low-budget wedding and a no-budget honeymoon. Our three-day honeymoon was spent in Alabama at a farm house belonging to my aunt; and then we rushed back to Oklahoma City to get ready for the next semester. Forty years have raced by and we still have not taken that honeymoon!

Yet, what a journey it has been over the last four decades, rearing a family and serving the Lord together. In May, before we return home to the Philippines, I am going to take the wife of my youth where she has wanted to go for years - Prince Edward Island in Canada. Emily is jealous of course and begging to go with us.

Molave News – One positive result of this furlough is that it has allowed Salug Valley Baptist Church to function without us. This is a great learning experience for my assistant pastor, Loper Asenda, and for the church. The ministry has continued to do well in our absence. During the twelve months of 2018, there were 655 professions of faith through the various evangelistic ministries of the church. The average Sunday morning attendance was 108 persons each week and 29 converts were baptized.

Thank you for the support received in 2018.

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