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DEAR FRIENDS,

It seems that there was a rumor going around that I am having medical problems. NOT TRUE. I had a bad cold a couple weeks ago, nothing serious, and I still have a persistent cough since that, but I am fine. Maybe some of you saw me online preaching while sitting down. That is just my normal long-time balance problem that gets worse when I have a cold or something and is a likely side effect of MS. Thank you all for your concerns and prayers. Aside from that, life and ministry have been super busy, some of which I will explain below.

December was super busy with Christmas programs and outreaches in all our churches. Our big Christmas program was December 22 here in Navotas City, Metro Manila, including a 1 hour cantata by our church choir and musicians and a church fellowship meal. We had around 280 attending. Then we had a children's Christmas party on December 24 with about 150 kids, and then a Christmas morning service. There were various other events and lots of music practices. Since I live here at the church, I heard them all loud and clear. On January 1, evening, we had a church prayer meeting focused on our vision for 2025.

Christmas activities were a bit subdued in our Bicol churches, as heavy rains and floods persisted throughout December and even into January. In some hard-hit areas like Caramoan, the church decided to forgo Christmas activities to direct funds to typhoon and flood relief. We, of course, participated in their relief fund as well.

RETIREMENT VISA GOOD NEWS

After being frustrated by bureaucracy and government corruption in 2024, my retirement visa process has finally made some progress. I have switched my focus to the Philippine Retirement Authority who legally offer a long-term visa, which has no expiration as long as I choose to make this my home base. It requires a refundable \$10,000 deposit, which I was able to set aside

in the last few years though some designated donations and personal savings. If all goes as planned, my forwarding agent in Havre, Hugh Gwynn, will do an international wire transfer this week to the designated bank account here. Thank you for your prayers. Meanwhile, I am here as a tourist.

GOOD NEWS ON HOUSING

A second thing that many of you have been praying about and helping me save up some money for it is some housing, which is more relevant since my visa process seems to be nearing completion. Many of you have been praying along with me about getting a house out of the flood prone areas, where I would live together with the family of Arnel Garcia. We have been frustrated finding a place nearby because of skyrocketing land prices in the Navotas area, due to the construction of the New Manila International Airport nearby. Suddenly everything has commercial potential. Recently, I told Arnel to look outside the Navotas area. We are surrounded by dense city, but we found something under construction on the southern edge of Metro Manila in an area called Cavite. We have made a downpayment and arranged a 5 year loan. The house is not as big as we hoped for, but with prices as they are, we made the deal. I will not live in it immediately as an add-on room will be made later for me. Until then I will remain in my room at the church. The loan was a huge step of faith, so please pray with me that I will be able to keep up the monthly payments from my personal retirement income (Teachers' Retirement and Social Security).

TRAVEL TO PROVINCIAL CHURCHES

Later this month and during March, I will finally be able to visit the churches in Bicol (Ragay, Salvacion, San Jose and Caramoan). My travel there has been delayed because of persistent rain and floods. It seems the weather is getting back to a normal pattern now. The dry season, and the best season to travel, is coming up and should persist until the rain comes again in May or June.

YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT, PRAYERS AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Your support, prayers and encouragement continue to keep me going. I am determined to press on with my part of the calling we all have to reach the lost at any cost. God bless you all.

**IN CHRIST,
Dale**

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