

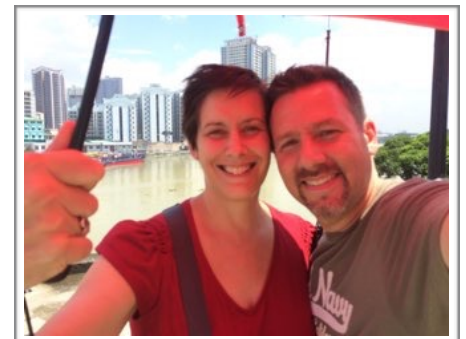


A Guthrie Family Update

Transition 101

It has now been just over two months since our family transitioned to Manila. As expected our first few weeks have been filled with the mundane challenges of life, like learning where to buy groceries, how to use public transit, and discovering where one pays the electric bill. All part of what it takes to learn how to live in a new city.

It has also been a time of settling. Caleb and Paige have both settled well into Grade 10 and are enjoying their studies and their sports activities. Our family has settled into a new home and we are enjoying the beginning of new rhythms. We have even managed to make a few new friends along the way. All in all, our first few weeks have been a tremendous success and we are praising God.



One aspect of the formation of new friends has been the surprisingly quick formation of a network of people committed to the exploration of marketplace in the region. This has included a connection to a group working within the squatter communities of Manila that are currently in the process of doing business development work through training and micro loan programming. It includes an invitation to work with rural farmers in Eastern Visayas who are thinking through livelihood development now that Typhoon Yolanda relief work is coming to a close. It has even included an invitation to work with small Muslim villages in the South who are exploring new opportunities to impact community transformation through business development, including small biofuel production capabilities.

It has been a rich time of learning and engagement as we have explored a small part of what God is doing in the Philippines.

Praise Points and Prayer Requests

Thankful...

...for a smooth transition.
...for Faith Academy and a great start to the new school year.
...for team here in the Philippines!
...for the early formation of ministry possibilities.

Praying...

...for continued discernment as we form partnerships and develop strategy for marketplace ministry throughout the region.
...for safe travels as we begin to connect beyond the Philippines into S.E. Asia.
...for increased monthly support and new "Partners in Mission".
...for our family back in Canada as they support and love us from a distance.

Thank you so much for your continued support, both Prayer and Financial. If you wish to become a Partner in Mission please contact Barbara Keys at bkeys@cbmin.org or by contacting CBM directly @:

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