




Jolea Jensen

Missionary to the Philippines



Dear Friends and Family:

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It is hard to believe that July is already past! The Lord brought Rachael and I safely into the Philippines on July 12th. He helped me recover from jet lag surprisingly fast. Thank you for your prayers for my trip overseas.

I was able to talk with a Roman Catholic English teacher in the Albany Airport. She said she was saved, but I am not positive. She was reading a book by C. S. Lewis from the Chronicles of Narnia, and I was able to explain to her some of the parallels he uses in his books to teach about God.

My first two weeks of teaching at BJMBC have gone very well. I am assisting Miss Asenath Cadavos with the college music theory and ear training courses. I also have 23 piano students. Most of the students are eager to learn; many have not had formal training before. Please pray for my students as they seek to serve God with their music. Many are already involved with the music ministry of their local church.

The elementary music classes are going well, despite the fact that I have major problems pronouncing the children's names! Thankfully, my assistant, Beth Naval, is a great help in that area. Right now I am teaching 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade music and accompanying for the elementary and high school choirs. In late September, I will take on more classes, as the other music teacher is expecting her first child. Those classes will include 3 group piano classes, 3 levels of high school music, and 4th grade music.

The Lord has provided a young Filipina lady to stay with me at the Berrey's house. I am very glad to have her with me, especially when the geckos or cockroaches run out to scare me. Last night I was about to sit down at the kitchen table, and a tailless gecko ran across the tablecloth! My first week here, I learned how to kill a rat. We had a large unwelcome visitor upstairs. He was as long as my hand (7") with a tail equally as long. Thankfully, Asenath was quite adept at wielding the broom handle, and the rat went to its grave.

Please pray for the quick processing of my 9-G visa. This is necessary for me to stay in the Philippines until April.

Please also pray for me as I seek to learn some of the Tagalog language. I would like to be able to communicate better with people I come in contact with every day.

Thank you very much for your prayers and for your support.

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"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live."

