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Dear Friends and Family:

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Shoppers rush in great excitement, buying gifts left and right for loved ones and friends. Music of Christmas fills your ears as you join the crowds. Stars and tinsel decorate street lights and foot bridges. All join in the excitement of celebration, but how many really understand the true meaning of Christmas? My Catholic landlady, Mrs. Fider, will dutifully attend mass with her family. People of multiple other cults and religions will “worship” their “god” in their own way. I wonder how many of my 75 first through third graders really understand what Christmas is all about as they practice their song for the school program. Their song has the title “The Meaning of Christmas.”

Christmas is coming, bringing with it many opportunities to witness to the lost. We have a church cantata (Dec. 10), hospital outreach (Dec. 13), and school program (Dec. 15) as well as visitation opportunities during this time. Please pray for Mrs. Fider to accept Ate Jeanne’s and my invitation to attend our Christmas cantata. She loves music and may come since I am playing the piano, and Ate Jeanne is playing her flute. Please pray for the Lord to work in her heart as she hears the Gospel message.

We are now four weeks into our 2nd semester of BJMBC. My teaching load includes 31 private piano students and 3 group piano classes. I also teach the three lower elementary music classes for GLCA and assist Asenath with her music theory classes. Thankfully, Mrs. Catalo has returned from maternity leave and is teaching her high school classes again.

Since the Berrey’s return, I have moved in with Ate Jeanne Raymond. I am enjoying living with her and her Siamese cat named Sam. Life can get rather exciting, however, especially when you step on something soft, and you soon realize the cat caught another prize. This one was a mouse—a birthday present for Ate Jeanne. Sam is a very good cat, though, especially since he likes to catch and kill epis (cockroaches) which are very prevalent in the Philippines.

Please pray for the following requests:

1. Ministry opportunities: I will accompany for the church cantata, hospital outreach, school program, and two Christmas recitals by Asenath Cadavos.
2. Teaching: Strength to maintain my busy schedule. Wisdom in training my students to serve the Lord with their talents.
3. Physical Health: Allergy problems due to pollution.
4. Church Attendance: Marilyn Dayao (she still has not come out, even though we visited her a second time), Angelita Hipolito, Gregorio family.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

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“I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live.”

