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Dear Friends and Family:

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“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation...Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth,” Isaiah 12:2, 5. Our God gives many blessings throughout each day, and we have so much to thank Him for. Although my health has not been the best this past month, I am thankful to God for the strength He gives to continue my teaching each day. I am also thankful for the many students He has given me, and for their willingness to learn.

God gave me an interesting witnessing opportunity a couple weeks ago. Every Monday I join the other missionary ladies for our weekly shopping trip at a local mall. On August 20th, I was waiting for the others outside Starbucks coffee. A young lady sat at the table near me for her lunch break. The Lord impressed on me to talk to her, so I did. I introduced myself, and we started a conversation. She told me she had left the Catholic church because she didn’t like what they taught. She said she likes what the Christians teach better. I asked her what church she is going to, and it sounds like her present church is an evangelical work. I had a Tagalog tract on me with our church address and phone number on it, so I gave it to her and invited her to attend sometime. When I asked her if she could tell me how to get to Heaven, she replied, “You need to know about God.” I then went through the tract and shared the Scripture verses with her, trying to explain that salvation is more than knowing about God—it is a relationship with God. Please pray for Leah to really understand the Gospel and accept Christ as her true Savior.

First semester ends the second week of October. Our students are keeping busy with their projects, papers, and practice. College students are now preparing for their music juries (a graded performance before the piano faculty) on Oct. 5. Private students are getting ready for their recital on Sept. 29. Please pray for stamina for both students and teachers as we press on to the semester’s end.

Language is a major factor of life, but true communication only occurs when both speaker and listener understand what the other is saying. I was shopping in the grocery store, and I needed to find the flour. They moved everything in the store around, so I could not find it in its usual place. I asked one of the workers where the flour was. The girl indicated understanding, and she left to get something. When she came back, she had some cauliflower in her hand. I said, “No, not cauliflower. Flour.” The two workers talked between themselves, and the guy replied, “Oh, mga bulaklak. Mayroon sa labas.” (“Oh, flowers. They are outside the store.”). I answered, quite frustrated, “Hindi mga bulaklak (Not flowers)!! Flour, like wheat flour, that you cook bread with.” Then they finally understood what I was looking for and directed me to the correct aisle. Living in the Philippines can truly be interesting sometimes!

Prayer Requests:

1. My health: I still have lung/sinus congestion that will not go away. I also injured my right ankle on August 12. The injury developed into a staph infection, causing my foot to swell around the ankle area and below. A doctor in the church gave me a prescription antibiotic which I have been taking since August 16. Please do pray for the infection to heal completely, and for my full strength to return.
2. More opportunities to witness, spiritual growth
3. Wisdom as I work on writing Christmas arrangements for my students. There are very few music resources here, so we use what we can and write our own when needed.
4. Salvation: Leah, Sarah (the Korean lady Rachel and I got to witness to), Marilou, Christina (the lady who sat next to me on my flight over in June).
5. Spiritual growth/Church attendance: Angelita Hipolito, Marilyn Dayao (Ate Jeanne and I tried to visit her again this month, but her family told us she is now working on Sunday afternoons).

Thank you so much for your consistent prayers and support.

In the service of the King,

Jolea Jensen

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

