

Dear Praying Friends:

Please find below our August 2009 "email" Praise and Prayer newsletter:

PRAISE

- ✓ Safe move into new and permanent home here in Horseshoe Village. We are just a short distance down the street from our centre.
- ✓ Recovery from viral infection, which had laid Eric aside for the better part of three weeks
- ✓ No damage from flood which covered the first floor of our new home during recent severe storm. Many parts of our area were hit very hard. Being the "avid photographers" that we are (NOT!), we failed to take any pictures. We just moved into clean-up mode! Sorry! ☺
- ✓ For faithful partners who stand with us in prayer and financial support. We are grateful for your faithfulness on our behalf, as we seek to faithfully serve in His ministry.

PRAYER

- For on-going language and cultural studies. They will conclude in early October. We have really been appreciating the cultural insights into the Filipino people and their history. A very special people.
- For on-going transition into combined role of Member Care and Director of Personnel, which we formally began on August 17th. There will be a very steep learning curve involved here, seeking to keep up with rapid-fire changes that are happening here in the Philippines.
- For our members and staff in two remote centres which will both be closing by the end of 2010. A lessening of necessity has brought about the decision to close these centres. For some, these have been home for many years, and the transition towards closure will be very traumatic. Please pray for our personnel and their relocations. Pray for wisdom as we seek to work with these special people in their transition.
- We have sensed the need to look further for a home church. We visited one on Sunday that we were impressed with. We will go back for another Sunday before making our final decision. The church we have been attending has some great people and a special pastor and wife, but we believe we should consider a move. Pray for our meeting with the former pastor to explain our decision,.
- For on-going health and energy for the tasks before us.

Thank you for your interest and on-going partnership with us here in Manila.

Next month, we will send out by email and snail mail a "full-blown" newsletter with some pictures of interest.

With warm regards and grateful hearts,
Eric & Sharon McGrath

August Support Status Report:

% of Total Ministry Budget Met - 82%

Balance required: - \$745/mth

(In case you are wondering how we are on the field with only 79%, we are supplementing our support from personal retirement savings. As our support level rises we will be able to decrease the amount of personal funds we are providing.)

Also our budget has been revised upward since we have arrived on the field, to reflect more accurately our cost of living, etc here in Manila.)

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