

# **Manthe Messenger**

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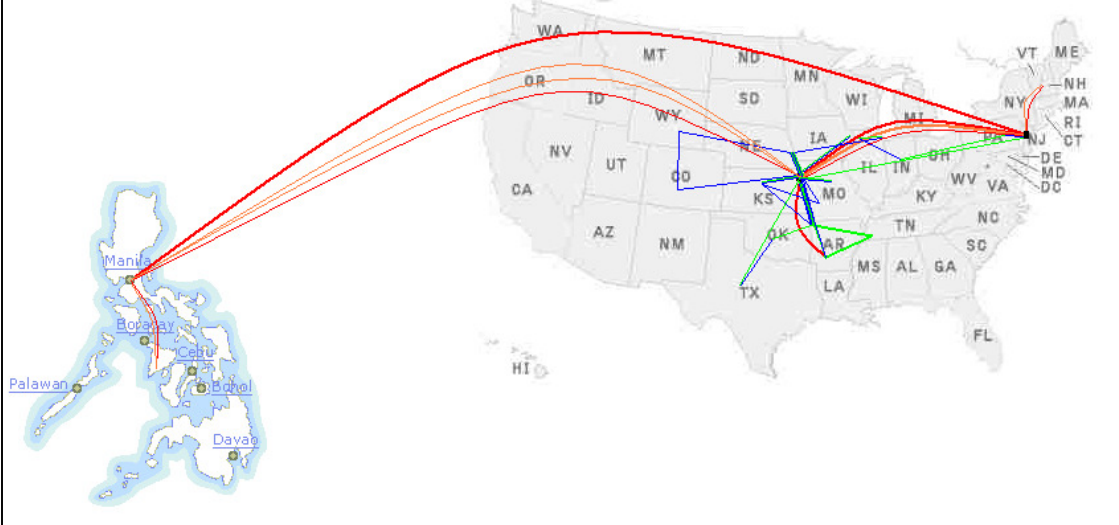
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Dear Friends and Family,

Our furlough is quickly coming to an end. We have booked our flights, and on June 1 we will return home to Manila. The last 9 months has been an amazing time for our family to catch up with new and existing supporters. It has been encouraging to reflect on what God has done over the last 4 years and it is exciting to share the vision He has given us moving forward.

We have a busy schedule as soon as we get back, and are excited to get back into the swing of things. Within the first two months we will be involved in 4 different basketball ministry trips, on top of all of the issues associated with moving back and getting everything set up. We ask that you would keep our family in our prayers as we transition back.

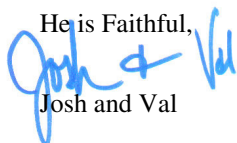
Over the last 9 months we have had so many people commit to partnering with us. In addition to the many who have made the commitment to pray for our family and the work God has set before us, we have been able to raise approximately \$500/month in ongoing support as well as \$3000 in special one-time gifts. Thank you to all of you who have joined us in trying to reach the Philippines for Christ. We know that God will honor your commitments to partner with us.



It seems like we have been to so many places over the last year. All in all we have driven almost 40,000 miles in addition to all of the flights. Here is a map (above) that shows where we have been. Red/orange lines are flights and blue/green lines are road trips. From start to finish we went from Manila - New Jersey - Kansas City - Hot Springs AR - Memphis - Siloam Springs AR - Kansas City - Wichita - Kansas City - Siloam Springs - Kansas City - New Jersey - New Hampshire - New Jersey - Kansas City - La Junta Colorado - Cheyenne Wyoming - Omaha - Kansas City - Manila - Panay Island - Manila - Kansas City - Siloam Springs - Wichita - Springfield, MO - Kansas City - Dubuque, IA - Kansas City - Wichita - Kansas City - Hot Springs, AR - Kansas City - Omaha - Kansas City - New Jersey - Scranton - Indianapolis - Rockford, IL - Chicago - Omaha - Kansas City - Dallas - Oklahoma City - Siloam Springs, AR - Kansas City - Columbia, MO - Kansas City - Back to Manila

As we make the final preparations to head back to the mission field, we want to give a big thank you to the many of you who have been so faithful to support us in this ministry over the years. We are so excited to see what God has in store for us as we continue to serve Him in the Philippines. Your prayers and financial gifts are so important! We would not be able to do this without your help. From the bottom of our hearts: Thank You!!!

Next time you hear from us, we will be on the other side of the world! Until then...

He is Faithful,  
  
Josh and Val

