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Turning Crisis Into Opportunity

Every crisis presents opportunities to retreat, to stay put, or to advance. I pray we choose the latter because the glass is half-full. In John 4:35, Jesus says, *“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.”* In Luke 10:2, He identifies a harvest related problem, but He also provides solution, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”* Interestingly, those whom Jesus told to pray, he also commanded to go (Lk. 10:3).

The implementation of community quarantine is necessary to control the spread of the virus and help flatten the curve. However, it has a strong negative impact on the economy, which greatly affected the majority of the Filipinos who are daily income earners and self-employed. Government sectors, non-profit organizations, private companies, and individuals are working together and doing their best to assist poor communities and even some middle class families. With limited resources, the Heritage church and the school have focused our efforts in assisting members and friends. We provided cash, food packs and relief goods. Serving connect us with people who are seeking to know more about God. It opens opportunities to share the gospel of Christ.

The quarantine prevents us from coming together as a church in one place, but worship and bible studies are not suspended. Just like everyone else, we have been meeting in homes and in small groups. This transition was not too difficult for the church because we have been studying and preparing to start small group meetings. Many of our men are already trained to facilitate small groups. Also, while I cannot travel on weekends to preach in other places, the internet gives me a platform through Facebook to reach more churches and homes in these trying times. (On the right, I was preaching from the car.)

As for the school, since our last newsletter, we have completed the first term for 2020. In April, I taught an introductory course in Greek. The second term or trimester will start this week for those who are already in Baguio. There are 34 students who enrolled, 28 full-time and 6 part-time. 18 are returning students and 10 new full-time. As soon as travel is no longer restricted, the rest of our students will be able to join us up in Baguio. On a personal note: I missed mother’s day and Amanda’s 19th birthday celebration. 🥺



Moving the Mission Forward: We Need a Hand

Appeal for One Time Donation

Help us move to a new place!

It is bigger but cheaper!

It will function as our mission house for both the school and the church.

It will have dorm rooms that can accommodate up to 34 students. (We have 34 students enrolled for next term.)

We will be in a better position financially to expand our operation, such as online program and training school.

It presents opportunities to start new training programs for young adults, including campus ministry and church planting/disciple making.

Please consider helping us. Send your gift to SIBI mark for Philippine Mission.

The funds needed to sustain a mission work such as the one entrusted to us is great. But time and time again, God is faithful and has been supplying our needs through the generosity of churches and individuals. To express our gratitude for your support and sacrifices, we do our best to manage the funds efficiently. We are always looking for ways to streamline our activities in order to control the expenditures while improving the quality of training we provide and expanding the scope of our operations.

This is such a difficult time for all of us in many ways including financially. But at the same time, God is opening doors to broaden his ministry and reach more people with the gospel. To respond to this opportunity we need more trained workers. The good news is that more Christians are wanting to receive training from Heritage Bible College. At the same time, we have an opportunity that will allow us to have more students at our Baguio campus and expand our extension school and online programs.

Here is the opportunity: The lease contracts in all of our existing facilities are expiring in June. To cut the rental cost down, we have been looking for a cheaper but larger space. We found a compound with two houses in the same area that is open for long term lease. The place is big enough to be used for the school, church meeting place, dormitory, and my one bedroom apartment. It can accommodate up to 34 students. The best part is that the owner agreed to reduce the rent for the entire place to about \$700 (36,000 pesos) per month. However, she wants us to sign a 3.5 year contract, up to December 2023, and pay lump-sum upon signing the rental agreement. She said she needed the money. She is sickly and not employed. So I understand.

Here is how you can help: For about \$700/month, the 3.5 year lease will cost \$30,000. We transferred \$6,000 for advance deposit to reserve the place. We need to raise the rest of the money by end of May. **Any amount you could give is much appreciated.**

Heritage Bible College

Our main purpose, that is, to glorify God is expressed in our Vision:

Heritage Bible College is a premier school for Christians seeking to integrate biblical scholarship, ministry experience, and spiritual transformation.

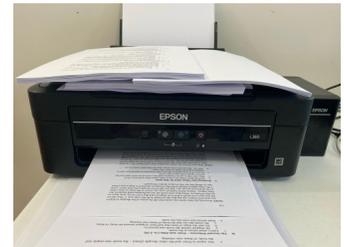
and in our Mission:

To provide biblically sound, culturally relevant, and spiritually transforming training for missions and ministry in planting and building up churches in rural and urban settings.



Printing Workbooks

This is my old trusted companion for two years now, an old Epson inkjet printer. I print an average of 30,000 pages a term. All of the Sunset (SIBI) study guides we use in our classes are produced through this printer. It is a lot of work, but saves us a lot of money, too.



COVID-19 Canceled Reservation

My bags are packed. I was ready to go. Then came an email notification that my May 12th reservation back to the states is canceled. I tried to be composed and called both American Airlines and Japan Airlines (connecting flight) to seek clarification. This is the third time my return flight got canceled in the past two months. This last time the cancellation came just a couple of days before the flight.

JAL explained that Narita Airport has just suspended their 24-hour operation. Since my flight will arrive at night and my connecting flight does not leave until the following morning, I will have to leave the airport and find a hotel. However, unless I have Japanese passport, I will not be able to clear immigration. Thus, I cannot board the plane. I called AA to rebook my tickets. I was told the earliest available seat they can offer me is July 1st. I was also informed Japan is the only gateway they can use as both Hong Kong and South Korea are suspended until further notice. Since I don't have a choice, I asked they save me a seat for the 1st of July flight and contact me should a seat becomes available for an earlier flight. I have to stay optimistic. Who knows, I may get a call.