



News from the Laydas

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Dear Prayer Partners and Friends,

God is good, and He really is in more ways than one! We see His hand at work in our lives and ministries. What a joy and sense of fulfillment it is to love and serve our Lord and our neighbors. In contrast, what a dry and meaningless life it is just to live for oneself. The Apostle Paul said that since Christ died for all, **“those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them...” (2 Cor 5:15)**. The life of Mordecai, the Jew, demonstrated a life lived for others. He was **“held in high esteem...because he worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of all the Jews” (Esther 10:3c)**.

Here are some ministry updates on what the Lord has done this quarter.

1. **Carmel V Christian Fellowship**, a 6-year old congregation meeting at a borrowed facility at the back of AMG's office. It is one of the recently established congregations of AMG Philippines Church Planting ministry in a most economically depressed area. With only about 40 adult members and almost the same number of young people, it is a small church by comparison, but it has the signs of a healthy church. First, this small church has already started a congregation in a nearby area through home Bible studies and house-to-house visitations. Then, in the recent typhoons that devastated the country, including Metro Manila, this young congregation collected relief goods to send to the evacuation centers for displaced families. This congregation is like the Macedonian churches that gave to the needy church in Jerusalem “out of their poverty” (2 Cor 8:2). Yes, one need not be affluent to be generous and to show compassion.
2. We praise the Lord for **friends and partners from East Malaysia**, who visited us last August 9-19 to see the various ministries of AMG Philippines. They have been a source of blessing to us as we, hopefully, were to them. One of them wrote back to us saying, **“It was a blessed 1st time overseas missions exposure for almost the whole team of 14 students. We were inspired and touched by the visit ... especially the AMG ministry. Rev. William Layda the Regional Development Coordinator did a great job in putting together some excellent hosting and valuable ministry exposure for all of us in our 7-day stay in Quezon City and the Lord topped up His kindness to us by giving us some opportunities for personal evangelism and prayer ministry and gave us 12 souls who trusted the Lord and one rededication.”** Another group from SIB in East Malaysia will visit us again on November 26 for ten days.
3. Pray for God's enabling and blessing in our involvement in the life and ministries of our church, **Diliman Bible Church**. We believe the local church is the most logical and effective body to be Christ's witness to the world. A local church is situated in a given community, and it is expected to give witness to its

“Jerusalem” (Acts 1:8). Eden and I are involved in our church’s ministry in evangelism, Bible Studies, and fellowships.

4. Please pray for the salvation of two elderly gentlemen whom Bill is trying to reach for Christ: Pete S. 82 years old, and Angel L. 93. Both are educated and well off. They lead a decent and “righteous” life and feel no need for religion or God, despite the fact that they are already in the “pre-departure” stage of their earthly journey. One good thing is that they are open to discuss spiritual issues with me. Please pray.

Here are now some up-dates about our family.

- **Edenbelle**, who is in Bangkok, Thailand, as a tentmaker missionary wrote us: “The two sets of parents of the five young students I supervise in homeschooling are praising God how their children are learning Christian values in class. Praise the Lord. I cannot wait to help my nieces Mika and Alexi (her brother Victor’s kids) learn Christian values when I visit you all in Manila this December!”
- Our **daughter Rachele and her husband Danz** live in Singapore---she works as a researcher with a university hospital, while he is at the moment applying for work in advertising as a creative director. She is feeling exhausted with the heavy work load.
- Our **daughter Gaye** (blessedly single) and our son **Victor’s family (wife Schey and 2 daughters)** are all living in Manila. Pray that they shine forth for the Lord in their workplaces.
- Bill and Eden are trying to keep fit with regular tennis. Some tennis friends engage Bill in talks on spiritual matters which are opportunities to witness.
- Bill’s health is improving, with God’s healing touch alongside medication and food supplements. Praise Him. Bill’s blood platelet count is now normal, after grappling with it for about a year---so he sees the hematologist every three months instead of monthly. What remains to work on is to improve his body’s resistance to fight “cryptosporidium” (stomach parasites that activate when the body’s resistance is low.) But it is a vicious circle, because of the raging battle to increase his body’s resistance, as the parasites keep him from absorbing the nutrients from his food.

Again, thank you for your partnership in the ministry through prayer and support. Please do not hesitate to share with us your prayer needs. We would love to make our partnership two-way!



May you have a BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

Bill, Eden and Children

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