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“Behold, I have put before you
an open door.”
Revelation 3:8

Dear friends,

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Praying that this letter finds you all well and enjoying the last of summer! The challenging times we have all been facing in different areas of our lives, whether it be another round of Covid, inflation, increased violence where we live, or some other difficulty, can weigh heavy on us and our families. One of my favorite scriptures in the Bible, Romans 8:38-39, has come to mind a lot lately, “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen!

There has been a lot going on in our immediate family recently. We would like to request prayers for my mother, Rita Penny. Our family has been taking care of Mom for the most part over the last few years. She turned 88 in February, and her dementia has become worse. She recently had to enter a memory care facility. It has been a whirlwind the past few months of looking for places for Mom to move to, along with cleaning out and selling her condo, and moving her to her new room in her new home. It is a big adjustment for Mom, but she is doing fairly well. We would appreciate your prayers during this transition time for her and for the whole family, thank you! Also, during the writing of this newsletter, we found out that Mom has Covid for the first time, so thanks in advance for your prayers!

The rest of the family is fine. Tito continues to be the Senior Minister at Moores Hill Church of Christ in Moores Hill, Indiana. He was able to return to Canada for teaching at the Institute recently and was glad to get back to that ministry. Regarding news from the Philippines, Makati Integrated Christian Academy is an on-line school now, and the staff is continuing to educate students from kindergarten to 10th grade. Unfortunately, the Christ’s Mission Foundation International, Inc., did not renew its registration due to so many changes and restrictions having to do with the pandemic. The prison ministry and blood donations have been discontinued for now, but we are hoping these ministries could be reinstated later. Pastor Nestor, who has been heading up the CMFII since we moved from Manila, is still hard at work for ODM. He just planted a church in Surigao, under ODM and in partnership with Christ’s Corridor Philippines from Canada.

The Filipino people have experienced years of lockdowns and restrictions due to the pandemic. Some restrictions are loosening now, depending on where you are. Recently one of the churches in Manila was able to hold an anniversary celebration, but with a limited number of people who were required to show their vaccination cards. There have been baptisms in the churches despite all the disruptions of Covid, and we are thankful for God's Kingdom on this earth growing even during strenuous times over the last few years! We would like to ask for prayers for all the churches, namely:

- Makati
- Las Pinas
- Malolos
- Cebu
- Pangasinan
- Taytay
- Polangui
- Ortigas
- Baguio
- Mindoro
- Bacoor
- Camarines Sur
- Cagayan
- Bicol
- Balatan
- Libon
- Masoli
- Macaangay
- Baliuag
- Surigao (in partnership with CCP)
- Dinagat Island (in partnership with CCP)
- Vancouver (in partnership with CCP)

Thank you! And please pray especially for the Camarines Sur church, as there might be an opportunity to buy property for the church plant there.

We wanted to mention that our dear friend, Merrie Beth Scherff, passed away. Some of you will remember interacting with her when we first went to the mission field. She was our forwarding agent for years and was even able to come visit us in the Philippines once. We appreciated her efforts for ODM so much! She was a faithful friend to us personally and to the mission since our start in 1986, not only through service as our FA for years, but through prayer, financial support, encouragement and more. She was a beautiful lady inside and out, who loved God and served Him all her life. We miss her so much now but are grateful that we know we will see her in eternity because of the promises of Jesus our Lord!

We thank God for His daily blessings of provision and for all the people in our lives, including all of you who have faithfully supported Open Door Mission in whatever way you could. May God bless you and yours! Please contact us if you have an opening on your church calendar. We would love to come visit, even before the end of this year, if possible, or sometime in 2023.

Love in Christ Jesus,

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