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# AMBER YINGLING GIVING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS April 2024

# The Goodness of God

**The Goodness of God even in His silence** — When God seems silent, trust Him anyway. Over the past two years God has taught me that in His silence, I must first examine myself to be sure sin is not the reason for the silence. Then I have learned to continue to seek and trust Him, even in the silence. Sometimes when God seems to give us the silent treatment, "...it does not mean He is displeased with us, but exactly the opposite. He is making us a part of His great purpose, and the answer will be an amazing revelation." (*If You Will Ask*, Oswald Chambers) I have learned that when praying to the Lord, sometimes God will answer yes, no, wait, and sometimes He keeps silent. But I try to remember that even when God is silent, He is making a way. My God is a faithful, loving God. He is always and only good! Furthermore, I have learned that when God breaks His silence, He leaves us with an amazing revelation of who He truly is and what He is able to do, just as He did for me this last week of April. He is truly the God who can make the impossible, possible.

**The Goodness of God shown through His Daily Strength** — Since last November, I have been studying the Tagalog language more intensely. I enrolled in a 150 hour, one-on-one course study. On April 19, I took my final exam. I studied the whole week

leading up to the exam. The day before the exam I studied from nine in the morning to four in the afternoon. Then I studied again most of the night. I literally felt like I was in nursing school again. When I arrived for the exam, I was nervous; but, as soon as it started, my mind was clear and able to recall. The last part was vocab. My teacher gave



me the same exam two days prior, and at that time, I missed 135 out of 288. When I took it that day, I was able to recall almost every word right away without hesitation. When the test was completed, my teacher counted, and out of the same 288 words, I only missed 19. I was so overjoyed, I did not just pass the class—I truly PASSED it. I am so thankful to my teacher, Ma'am Tonette, for her patience and for never giving up on me when I did not get it. God is so good!

The Goodness of God shown through His provision — My Car: For the last several months, I have been slowly investing in my car, making sure it would last for another year while I am in Pampanga. Somethings were long overdue; so, when my budget allowed, I would fix something. But, then the unexpected happened. My engine started running rough. Right after passing my Tagalog exam, my car "blew up." It was producing a lot of blue smoke out of the exhaust and it had no power. Thankfully, I was able to get to a safe place and wait for help. After further checking, the diagnosis was that it desperately needed a full engine overhaul. Not knowing how I would pay for it; I gave it to the Lord to provide. And He did.

My Housing: I received approval to rent the house in Pampanga that I mentioned in



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my last prayer letter. The house was only partially furnished, I was going to have to purchase a refrigerator, stove, and a washer. When the couple who had been assisting me procure the house, went to inspect and take pictures they noticed that the owner had installed a refrigerator; so, they asked if it was also possible to install the other appliances. The owner informed them that they would, but that they would have to consider raising the rent due to the added amenities. After a week of discussion—praise the Lord—the owner agreed to install the other appliances without increasing the rent.

To move into the house on May 6, I will need to pay two months' rent for the security deposit and the first month's rent. I did not have the funds. I prayed and asked the Lord how I could come up with the funds before the due date. Two weeks later I received a donation for this need. What a BIG God I serve. These problems literally happened one after another over the past month as I had been praying and trusting. But my God chose to wait to answer all these needs within this last week of April—literally two weeks before my move. The Lord gave me an amazing revelation of who He truly is and of what He is capable. And through it, He gave me confidence that He will supply all my needs; I just need to keep trusting Him.

The Goodness of God shown through opportunities given — Campus Ministry: In the month of March, I was asked by a pastor

friend and his wife to be a part of their campus ministry. I am so thankful to have had this opportunity to serve the Lord in the Philippine public school system. For four weeks, I taught a values class on different topics like purpose, contentment, emotions, etc. The class entrusted to me was a 12<sup>th</sup> grade senior class of 50 students. I had absolute freedom to incorporate the Gospel and Jesus Christ in each lesson. The students all thought it was very cool to have an American values coach. The Lord really helped me connect in each class. I always made time at the end for questions. I also asked them questions. I am praying that the Lord will use what was



said and His Word to be blessing to them and for the seeds to grow. Please pray for them as they will graduate in a couple months.

**Philippine Baptist Orphanage:** I am thankful for this upcoming opportunity to get hands orphanage experience for the next year. The Lord delayed construction on phase two of their orphanage. I am thankful for this because I will be able to watch and observe this phase from literally the ground up. It will help me for when it is my turn to build. I am looking forward to getting a grasp on what the Lord is leading me to do. This next year, as I serve, I will plan for my future ministry. Please pray that the Lord will continually give me wisdom and guidance in the months ahead.

Ladies Fellowship: The Lord blessed me with an upcoming opportunity. I will be the main speaker at the BIO Philippines Ladies' Quarterly Fellowship on June 29. I will be flying to the island of Negros June 28 (one of the places my dad and I visited during his visit) and returning on July 1. I am looking forward to this opportunity. Please pray that the Lord will give me His message for these dear ladies. I am excited to fellowship with these fellow ladies in ministry again. Thank you ahead of time for your prayers.

I truly appreciate your prayers, love, and support since my arrival in the Philippines. March 23 marked my two-year anniversary of being here. I have been so blessed by Pastor Rusty and Ma'am Baby Lita Ocampo and the Heavenly Bible Baptist Church. They graciously allowed me to be part of their family as I learned Tagalog, the culture, and how to minister effectively in the Philippines. Though I am sad to leave them for a little while, I am looking forward to growing in the ministry that God has called me to here in the Philippines—giving Hope to the hopeless, to the orphaned and abandoned children. Please pray for a smooth transition as I move on May 6. I am so thankful for the goodness of God. May He continued to be praised for all He has done!

"Looking for that blessed hope..." Titus 2:13