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AMBER YINGLING GIVING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS June 2020

Redeeming the Time

In the last few months we have had a lot of time on our hands. With all this time the Lord has given to us, what have we done with it? Have we been redeeming the time as the Lord would want us? James 4:14 says, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." The last week of May this verse was made all too real to my family, once again, when my beloved grandfather, Eugene Yingling, went to be with the Lord. I am thankful the Lord chose to take my grandpa like He did. My grandfather did not suffer, nor did he have a prolonged illness. The Lord simply took him like vapor. My grandfather was a very wise and godly man. He served the Lord for 50 years. My grandpa fought the good fight! My favorite memory is when our whole family would gather around on Christmas Eve and my Grandpa would open his Bible and read us the Christmas story. He would say a few words and would end by saying how important it was to have close daily walk with the Lord. My grandfather's legacy will live on through all the people he touched in the 85 years the Lord gave to him. My grandfather redeemed his time on earth for the glory of God.

During this time of quarantine, I have been keeping in touch with things going on in the Philippines. As I have mentioned in past letters, they have been under a strict lockdown since January. The rumor is that the lockdown will be lifted on June 22, for Lipa City, Batangas. Heavenly Bible Baptist Church has been continuing their ministry in various ways. They have been livestreaming via Facebook. This would include all their church services and Bible studies. They recently started a reading challenge. They are challenging their members to read the Bible. The first week they challenged their members to read Psalms. The second week the challenge was to read Matthew and Revelation. The third week they have been challenged to read Isaiah. It is a great way to get people in the Word of God. On the third week, 125 people have committed to read the Book of Isaiah. The ministry of Heavenly Bible Baptist is redeeming the time for the glory of God even while under lockdown.

I am continuing to redeem the time by calling pastors, rescheduling meetings that were canceled, and scheduling new meetings. Though I have enjoyed the time the Lord has given to me these past few months with my family and friends, I am ready to get back on the road of deputation. My original goal to return to the Philippines at the end of the year has been postpone. I know the Lord can make a way for me to return in His perfect timing. Please continue to pray for me as I begin to travel again. The Lord knows the support I need to return to the Philippines. Pray that I would continue to redeem the time here on earth for the glory of God.

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