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**GIVING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS**  
**IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**  
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**Climbing Mountains**

I recently heard a song called *Your Ways are Higher Than Mine*. The chorus says, "Your ways are higher than mine, I want mountains to move, You want me to climb, so I'm going to trust Your work, Your will, and Your time. Your ways are higher than mine." I have been in the Philippines for two and half months. There have been so many mountains. Some of these mountains God has chosen to move or remove completely, but with several, He has told me that I must climb them. I have learned that though it is a steep climb at times, God is with me every step of the way. When I reach mountain tops, I look back and see how far God has brought me. I cannot help but stand in awe of my God's faithfulness, love, and grace.

**Climbing the mountain of the Tagalog language and culture** — I am slowly but surely understanding more and more. I try to speak the words I already know within my English phrases and sentences. We call that *Taglish* (Tagalog English). When people speak to me in Tagalog, sometimes I am surprised that I understood. I am praying for wisdom and understanding every day in this area. I am continuing to work through my lessons. I started supplementing my lessons with a teacher on YouTube. I am trying anything and everything to help me. I am longing to be able to understand and to be a part of the conversations that are happening around me. My heart's desire is to understand what the children in the outreaches are saying to me or asking me. **PRAYER NEED: Please pray with me that I will continue to learn, retain, and be able to recall the Tagalog language.**

**Climbing the mountain of being involved** — For the last couple of months I have been observing the children's outreach ministries and praying about how I can get involved while doing my language and cultural studies. A couple of weeks ago I was asked to help reorganize and supervise the children's Sunday school classes at Heavenly Bible Baptist Church. On June 4<sup>th</sup> three teachers and I kicked off the new organized Sunday school. It went so well. The only thing that went wrong was one of the new doorknobs broke and the kids and teacher were trapped inside their class for a few minutes. It took a couple of men and some tools to free them, but they were all okay and laughing. We made some memories for sure. **PRAYER NEED: Please pray that God will use the Sunday School to teach the children to love God and His Word.**

I also help with the weekly children's outreaches by leading singing and helping with snacks. We currently have 20 areas that we go to every week. In each area the attendance of children ranges from 15 to 40. God has truly blessed and continues to grow this ministry. I currently attend three of the twenty different areas with two of them having extensions. It all keeps me really busy, but I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve and help. **PRAYER NEED: Please pray for these 20 areas we go to each week. Pray that the Gospel will be heard and received by these 300+ children weekly.**

**Climbing the mountain of getting my one year visa approved** — I emailed the Philippine embassy to see what I needed to get approved for my next visa. The list is long, confusing, and will take three months to get approved once all the information is submitted. As I try to understand the documents needed, I become more and more confused. A fellow missionary tried to help me figure things out, but we live on two different islands; so, the places to receive the documents are different. I sought counsel from several people and was told to find an immigration liaison or lawyer that can help me. I am currently looking for someone. Please pray for that someone will be able to help me. **PRAYER NEED: Pray that I can get all the documents in order and turned in by mid-July so that I can be approved before October when my current visa expires.**

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