

## AMBER YINGLING

## GIVING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

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In Colossians chapter one and verse ten it says, "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." For the past year I have been asking God to help me walk worthy, to be fruitful in all He leads me to do, and for me to grow in the knowledge of who my God really is. I have been praying that God would give me one person that I could share the Gospel and for them to understand it clearly. I have been praying that I would come to understand and communicate better in Tagalog. I have been praying for God to increase my knowledge of who He is and what He can do.

**Fruitfulness in witnessing** — Recently, God opened the door for more time in the field of soul winning. On Friday mornings, I help drive for the soul winning outreach in

a small squatter village. As we were giving out tracts and talking with people, the Lord laid it on my heart to go down a narrow path between the houses. At the end of the path, we found a young mother and her newborn baby. We waved as we passed by and saw that the path was a dead end. When we turned to head back, the Lord put it on my



soul winning partner's heart to ask if we could share with her. The young mother excitedly invited us to sit on her terrace with her. We introduced ourselves, and my partner began to share the Gospel with her. As I watched her face, as she intently listened, I prayed for God to open her mind in understanding. After we were done, we

talked with her a little more and prayed for her and left. We found out her name was Jessa and that she works at the local mall where she has learned to understand English pretty well. The next three weeks God used circumstances and people to allow me to be the one to share more with her. Each week I saw an evident change within her. The last



time I met with her the Lord help me give a clear presentation of the Gospel to her; and, praise the Lord, she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior. Please be in prayer for Jessa. She is unable to attend church with me currently because of her job. Please pray that God will make a way for her to attend church so that she can hear the Word of God and grow spiritually.

I love to go running in my neighborhood when time allows. On one of my runs, I noticed an elderly man barely walking on his own. He had suffered from a previous stroke. I always make it a point to wave and greet people as I exercise. Each morning for several weeks, there he was trying his best to walk on his own and strengthen his muscles. Eventually our waving and greeting turned into a very broken Tagalog-English conversation. He asked me the normal questions: "Where are you from? Why are you here in the Philippines?" From that day forward I always made it a point to stop and ask how he was doing, and soon we became encouragers for each other. I



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#### **Fruitfulness**

would cheer him on as he began to walk better and faster, and he would cheer me on when he saw me running. For a couple of months my schedule changed, and I was not able to go running. Then, God worked in a wonderful way a couple weeks ago. I woke up very fatigued and decided to stay home. But then, exactly at 5:15 in the evening, I had a sudden urge to go for a run, and the Lord reminded me to bring Gospel tracts along with me. As I ran past his home, I noticed him being helped to a chair with a walker.

He did not notice me. On my second pass, I noticed him exercising his arms by lifting his walker up and down. I waved and greeted him. On the third pass I ran up to him and gave him the tract and asked him to read it. On my fourth and final pass, the Lord pressed upon me to sit and talk with him. So, I obeyed and sat with him. I tried my best to speak to him in my very broken Tagalog as I tried to understand him. He informed me that he had just had another stroke two weeks prior. I asked him if he read the tract, and he nodded and said, "Thank you." I tried to share more of the Gospel. When I left the burden grew for him as I walked back to my house. I messaged several people to see if they could come and go back with me to present the Gospel to him clearly in Tagalog.



The Lord provided a person. We returned to his house, and he listened to a clear presentation of the Gospel. When we asked if he wanted to pray, he earnestly agreed and with no hesitation prayed with the young man. Please pray for Ernesto. Pray that God will not only heal him physically, but that he would attend church when he is able so that he may hear God's Word and grow in his newfound faith in Jesus Christ. I am praying to follow up with him soon. He no longer is here in my subdivision. He is with his sister in another place while he heals from his most recent stroke.

**Fruitfulness in my language studies** — God blessed me with a new teacher as I mentioned in my last letter. She has been so amazing. She quizzes me, keeps me accountable, and makes sure I am understanding before moving on to the next topic. She has truly been a blessing to me. I feel like I am understanding more and more. As mentioned earlier, God used my very broken Tagalog skills to share the Gospel. Please continue to pray for more opportunities for me to use and practice Tagalog. Pray that the Lord will continue to give me wisdom and understanding as I continue to study and learn.



Fruitfulness in my personal relationship with God — My relationship with my Lord and Savior has become more precious to me each day that I have been here in the Philippines. As I strive to walk worthy of His calling on my life, my desire to grow in the knowledge of Him also increases. As I look back and see how far He has brought me, I am amazed by the mercy, grace, and strength that He gives me daily. Things that I thought would never be possible are being made possible through Jesus Christ. I recently read a quote by missionary Elisabeth Elliot, "The deepest things that I have learned in my own life have come from the deepest suffering, and out of the deepest waters and the hottest fires have come the deepest things that I know about God." God is using each discomfort, trial, and waiting period to help me to grow and to teach me to be more like Him. Each situation that comes my way is for my good and God's glory.

Please pray for me; I have a couple of trips coming up. I will be traveling again to Pampanga (four hours north of me) to visit an orphanage and to revisit a couple of areas from my last trip to Pampanga. Please pray that God will continue to open my mind and heart in order to give me a vision of what my future may hold.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support for me!