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**GIVING HOPE TO THE HOPELESS**  
**IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS**  
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When You Cannot See His Plan Trust His Heart

*Trust His Heart* was written by Babbie Mason and Eddie Carswell. I first heard this song when I was in college. I heard it again while I was in the Philippines. The past few weeks it has been an encouragement to me in these uncertain times. I had already written my prayer letter for this month and was working on editing it. Many of the things were changing within the prayer letter due to the current events, so I decided to rewrite it. It is amazing to me how fast plans can change. This past month I sought the Lord in deciding to work less hours at my job and really focus on getting meetings to raise support to return to the Philippines. I had spent all my days off in February calling pastors and scheduling meetings. My schedule was full of church meetings from March 1<sup>st</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>. Within a week all that changed. My meetings for the last part of March to the beginning of April were canceled. I cannot see God’s plan in this. I know God wants me in the Philippines as a missionary. “Why God?” is all that I can say.

I have been involved in healthcare for eight years. For almost six of those years I have been a nurse. I have had my moments of fear. I have heard doctors and specialists say that the Coronavirus is just a glorified flu, a super bug; and if we take precaution now, we can stop the spread. But now they are saying it is not like the flu at all; it is much worse, especially for the people with chronic illnesses already. I understand the seriousness of it. I understand that social distancing, personal hygiene (esp. hand washing), and covering your cough will help tremendously with slowing the spread. I know the risk personally that the healthcare professionals are taking as they care for the sick and give the correct treatment to save lives. They are not only putting their own lives on the line, but also putting their families at risk when they come home. Even though we do not understand everything the doctors are telling us, we should do our best to obey. When we do not, we are not only putting their lives at stake, but we are putting their families and other people we meet at risk.

In this time of uncertainty, I am thankful for the churches that needed to cancel. They will try their best to reschedule when they can. I am thankful for my part-time job to fall back on when needed. I am thankful for a God when we do not understand; we can trust His heart. I am thankful for my Lord that allows me to ask, “Why God”. When I am frustrated with the current events, I know I am not alone. When I feel afraid to go to work, I know God will protect me. When I feel like I have nothing else to give I know God will give me the strength to keep pressing on. I am excited to report that I am currently at 24.6% of my support to return to the Philippines. March 25<sup>th</sup> marked a year since I flew to the Philippines for my survey trip. I did not know how the Lord would work in my life and bury my heart on the mission field. I am thankful for the sweet reminders of God’s provision for me as He continues too.

When I see the faces of hopelessness in stores or clinics, I know I have the hope in God Almighty to share with them. God has given us chance to share *Hope for the Hopeless* through these uncertain times. We serve an awesome God and He will see us through this pandemic crisis. In these uncertain days, look to Him for guidance and keep the faith. Joshua 1:9 says, “*Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*” Trust God’s Heart. He is with us always. It is important that we pray for our country’s leaders, our church’s leaders, and for one another.

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*“Looking for that blessed hope...” Titus 2:13*