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“We will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in our mouth. Our soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with us, and let us exalt His name together.” Psalms 34:1-3

About one-and-one-half years ago, Becky was sitting at her desk studying midwifery and getting discouraged about starting a new profession at this age in her life. She decided to go for a walk. On her walk the Lord brought Jeremiah 29:11 to her mind. “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” She said to herself, “That’s a good verse to be thinking of right now.” After her walk, she went back to studying. She needed to add up the hours she had spent studying the week before so she grabbed a piece of paper out of the wastepaper basket. She added her hours and was ready to throw the paper away when her eyes were drawn to the top of the page. It was a prayer letter and the first paragraph at the top referred to the same verse in Jeremiah that Becky had thought of 30 minutes before. This reminded Becky that God had a plan and she could rest in that hope.

As we look back on the last seven months, we are in awe of God’s plan and provision.

- September to October – places to work Faith Academy and Shalom Birth Center in Manila, Philippines.
- October – garage sale and disposing of goods
- October – rental of our house within six days of listing
- November – a place to stay and Becky’s tooth repaired free of charge
- November/December – a great time of traveling across the States visiting friends and family
- December through February – watching God provide all of our monthly support and one-time outgoing needs.
- February – God’s reminder to us that we still need prayer when our car rolled backwards down the hill outside our house. God’s hand was on it as it angled gently into the steel chain link fence of dear Christian friends. God marvelously protected from serious damage. Car repair ended up being only half of the first estimate.

Reading Psalm 34 this morning was full of ways that you can continue to be praying for us:

- That God would deliver us from all our fears and save us from our troubles vs 4 and 6
- That we would continue to “taste and see that the Lord is good and trust in HIM” v 8
- That we would keep our tongue from evil (ie complaining). v 13
- Pray also, that we find a buyer for our car and someone to take over our Sprint cell-phone plan.
- Pray that we have a safe trip to the Philippines Mar 31 – April 2.
- Pray that we will be faithful ambassadors in our new setting.

With rising costs of mailing, we would appreciate hearing from any of you who can receive these letters by e-mail rather than snail mail. Also, if you want to receive more frequent e-mail updates, let us know.

Thank you for your love and prayers.

In His Service,

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