

May 2, 2009

Greetings from Taytay, a suburb of Manila, Philippines;

We had a good and safe—though long—trip from Yakima, Washington, to Taytay. We started the evening of March 31 by riding the shuttle over Snoqualmie pass through a snow storm. At 1:50 a.m. April 1, we took off from Seattle and landed thirteen hours later in Taiwan early in the morning of April 2. After a three hour layover and a two hour flight, we landed in Manila later that morning. **Praise** God with us for the safe trip and that all our luggage arrived with us.



On our way home from the airport, we swung by Faith Academy to check out a Toyota Corolla that we'd spoken for by e-mail. After a short drive, we agreed to buy it. Right on the spot we paid cash from the money we had received for the sale of our Honda van on Monday of that week. Next, we came to our house. It is a nice, new, house which is very adequate for us. **Praise** the Lord with us for His provision of house, car (shown at left) and other things we've been buying.

Faith Academy is 15 – 30 minutes drive away (depending on traffic). Harold will be teaching Middle School Computer beginning in August. Meanwhile, he has already started managing the finances for SIM Philippines and continues his responsibilities as Theo Ed Projects manager for SIM Ethiopia.

Becky drives 20 – 35 minutes (again depending on traffic) to the birthing clinic where she has already started working. At this point she generally goes 3 days a week. She stays busy doing prenatal and helping in other ways.

Traffic is much heavier here than it was in Ethiopia, but otherwise is similar. Intersections get along fine without stop signs or traffic lights. Jeepneys (see right), tricycles (covered motorcycles with covered side-cars), and many more motorcycles are things we never saw in Ethiopia. On the other hand, we don't see livestock and people on the road here like we did in Ethiopia. **Pray** for wisdom, alertness and safety as we drive around the city.



We started language lessons a week ago. For now they are twice a week but will be increasing to five times a week during June and July. **Pray** that we get a good basic grasp of Tagalog.

Pray for Bebot, our neighbor and landlord. He expressed an interest in spiritual things and wanted to have a Bible study. He met once with Harold but for various reasons has not come again.

If you are receiving this letter by snail mail and could receive it by e-mail; we would really appreciate you e-mailing us requesting us to make that change. Also, if you wish to receive e-mail updates more often than these quarterly prayer letters, send us an e-mail asking to be put on our Jongeward News distribution list.

Thank you so much for your love, interest, prayers, and support which make it possible for us to be here.

In His service,

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