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Dear Pastor, Church and Friends,

Greetings from the rich harvest field of the Philippines. As I sit here and think of all the blessings of the 3rd quarter, I cannot help but to think of how good God has been to Ellen and me. God brought us to these dear Filipino people and allowed us to work side by side for the past 43 years.

We have seen so many saved, trained and sent out to the harvest field of the Philippines. Mission stations have been established, then organized into local churches. Men have surrendered to the foreign fields and they have been sent.

It is such a joy to serve with people who are dedicated to serving the Lord and sharing the gospel with those who need to be saved.



At the end of June, I was on a mission trip to Kazakhstan. It was a survey trip with Robert Cruz. Brother Robert served the Lord in the church for many years as a Care Group Leader, Adult Sunday School teacher and as Head Deacon. God called him and his wife, Tess, as missionaries to Kazakhstan, Central Asia and they plan to be on the field in 2026. On our survey trip we met with some Filipino missionaries already there. I preached several times and saw one young Muslim man decided to trust Christ as his only Saviour. There was also a Filipino family that surrender their lives to serve God in Kazakhstan.

On the way back to the Philippines, I stopped in UAE and Qatar. In less than two weeks. I spoke 19 times in 15 different churches. There were many professions of faith from expats from Pakistan, India, Nepal, Africans and Filipinos.

It is amazing that there are so many opportunities to present the gospel in the Middle East. I am praying that the Lord will open the door to enter Saudi Arabia and challenge the many underground churches with the command of the Great Commission.



In July at the main church we saw 6 saved, 6 baptized.



In August we had a great blessing. Shawnn, our 3rd daughter, her husband Tom and our youngest Granddaughter, Shelby came for a visit. It had been 30 years since Shawnn had returned to the States after graduation from high school. It was fun to see them get acquainted with Jeepneys, Tricycle sidecars, wet markets, crowded streets, honking horns and lots of people everywhere.

They were treated royalty by our people as we went to different areas of the ministry. Since Shelby is a young beautiful 12-year old, she was the center of attention, especially when Shelby, her Mom and some of the staff went out to one of the Extension Ministry areas. They gathered children under the shade of a big tree and taught a lesson, did crafts and passed out some snacks. Shelby was like a magnet drawing other young people near her everywhere she went.

We thank the Lord for the 10 saved in August.

In September, I spoke in several mission conferences around the islands. It is an honor to preach and challenge the Filipino believers for World Evangelism. It is humbling to see God crown the service with people coming forward to surrender their lives to foreign missions.

I believe that this is the result of people praying Matthew 9:38. We are praying the Lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into the harvest.

At the writing of this prayer letter, there are 30 families preparing for the Missionary Training Seminar in 2026. After that, then deputation among the Filipino churches then on to the field of their calling.

Our focus in BBCTanza has always been local and global. On Saturday we have our Soul-Winning and Tract Distribution Ministry. It is a fruitful time as the members go into the surrounding streets and share the gospel.

In September we praise God for 12 saved, 3 baptized.

Ellen and I are so thankful for your prayers and financial support. It allows us the rich joy to serve and lead the ministries in the harvest field of the Philippines. For the 3rd quarter there was a total of 28 professions of faith, 9 baptized and 60 first time visitors.

Again thanks for being a partner in the rejoicing as we are bringing in the sheaves.

Sincerely yours for Souls,

Paul and Ellen Byars