



Pray BFF Letter #248

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HOW BLESSED!

“O taste and see that the LORD is good;
How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!” (Ps 34:8)

Dear Prayer Partners,

FALL COMES QUICKLY

We have no time to relax once August begins. The fall schedule must be set in place beforehand and requires much preparation and time. For instance, The other teachers and I have been



preparing a teaching schedule for Romans. (join us weekly for the class bit.ly/BFF-Romans). Prep is under way for our small group Bible study. On top of all of this, many new international students have arrived. I help out with these activities. All of this has to fit into the ‘empty’ spaces on the schedule. It can get quite busy, though fun. Linda, is preparing materials for home school and overseeing big changes in our Elementary

Sunday School program.

BFF ministry has several key projects on the burner. The update of several international resources in early summer is complete (Luo, Chinese, and Bengali). All are now uploaded, and along with other international audio/videos, are being accessed a lot. After this, we spent time organizing the short term training trip to the Philippines. Many logistics, including the translation of an extensive handout(not yet complete having hit some snags).

BREAKING NEWS

One other multifaceted project has been to get BFF resources into paperback book form, rather than 3-ring binders. Up until now, we have kept the resources in binders so that they could easily be updated, and to keep costs down. Several of these reasons are no longer valid. It does not cost any upfront money to prepare a book to publish! I have always done my work with some help from advisors/editors, but that

extra money barrier is now gone. It is even free to change a cover, etc. There is every reason to follow through. I updated two books last week and sent them in. The proofs are coming. Began another yesterday. Another one is in editing. Exciting times! The most difficult part is to make full covers rather than just a separate front and back (what I already had). It is very satisfying to take one book at a time and process it to the very final stage-holding the proof in your hands! (I am still looking for people who have a discerning eye to view and critique covers, as well as those who have a bit of time to edit!)

Praise!

- The Philippine plans are worked through for October 4-18.
- Two books have proofs on the way (*Building a Great Marriage* and *The Life Core*).
- Very grateful for the various teams I get to serve on! A great joy for me.
- Lots of writing has been done in this last month!
- God has wonderfully provided for last minute needs for the new Elementary Sunday school!
- Micah is doing well (and so are the other 5-6 babies in our congregation!).

Pray!

- Pray for God's full blessing on the STM to Philippines. Have already encountered a few snags along the way.
- Paul still is working on details for his brief 3 day trip to Taiwan on the return.
- Allison and her 3 roommates discovered wrong handling of the sublease in NYC, so they need to find another place, hopefully in the west side of Manhattan where her new church is located.
- Linda has had deep congestion for well over a month, hoping it is just some allergy. Pray for full healing.
- Ask the Lord to provide for all our needs as a mission and a family, physically and spiritually.

Thanks so much for your prayers!

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