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Raube Report - New Year At Faith

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This letter is dedicated to my (Melissa's) dad, who passed on August 27th. He joined us overseas to encourage our ministry many times. We love and miss him and are grateful for the promises of God's word. *"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep."* 1 Thessalonians 4:13

So much has happened in our personal and professional lives. While we drafted several letters, things kept changing and we could not send them out because the news was already different.

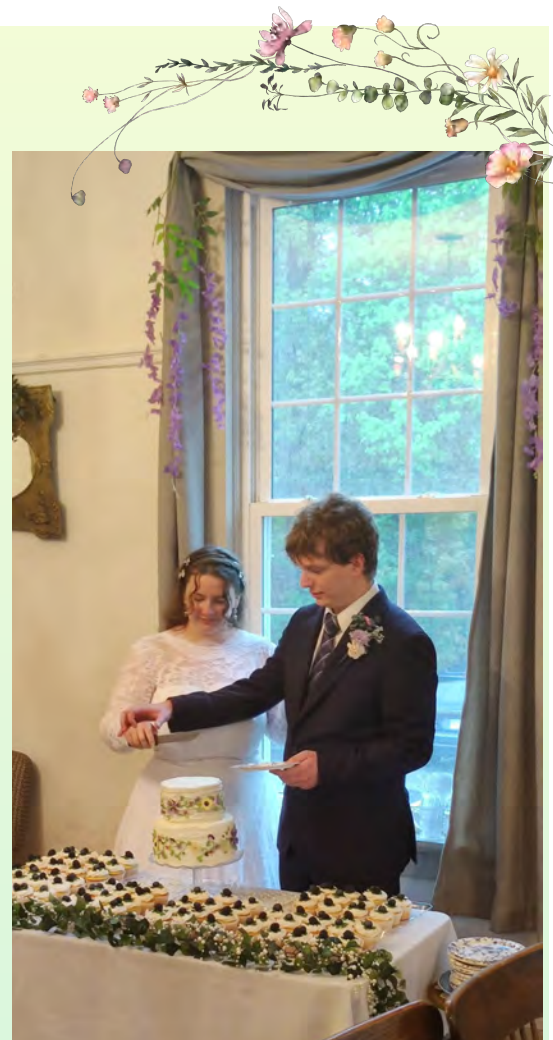
But let's celebrate what God has done! Let's pray about what He is doing and join together as a team to keep supporting the students and families at Faith Academy and the unique ministries that they represent.

Aaron & Mariah's Wedding

The wedding in May was amazing. We switched venue to an old historical church, just days before the wedding. For Melissa this made challenges getting the food warm enough in a historic kitchen. But it was the perfect place for these two to begin their journey. They honeymooned in Oregon and got to see the grandparents. One wedding highlight was all the Raubes spoofed Mariah with the song from The Sound of Music, "How do you solve a problem like Mariah." We changed the lyrics for a bit of AU and PNG references. She loved it.



Our kids, Mark, Tim, Aaron, Mariah, Dawei, Naomi, Hannah, JJ



In June, David and Melissa headed back to Oregon from New Jersey. We planned to be there a couple of weeks before getting to Faith Academy for the start of the school year.

Being there for Dad.



Just before the fourth of July, however, Melissa's dad took a turn for the worse. He ended up in critical care unit of hospital for about 2 weeks. At 92, he was determined too weak for surgery, and hospice was the only way to go. When our flights to the Philippines day came, we had come to the painful decision that David would head to the Philippines alone, and I would join when I could. At the time medical advice thought that Dad might only have a few days or weeks.



Once we got him moved back to my sisters for home hospice, he rallied a bit. And it became hard to tell if he would make it another few months. After staying on to be with him another 7 weeks, where I got lots of good hours just loving on him, with so many unknowns, I decided to fly and join David in the Philippines. Two weeks later, Dad passed. It was hard to know if I had just stayed a bit longer, I could have been there at the end. But I did get many good memories and hours with him.

Meanwhile in the Philippines...

David jumped back into teaching a self contained classroom for the first time in nearly 10 years. After dorm ministry, this is a big adjustment. Please pray for him, as he finds all the different computer programs hard to keep up with. Lesson plans and grading have changed since he last taught this grade level, but what he will always excel at is his heart for relationship with his students. Trust, discipline and learning that all lead to healthy growth spiritually and academically. "Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Col 2:7

I am now getting ready to teach Foods 1 and 2 in January. This is a big jump from preschool, but I'm excited to share years of cooking experience with these international kids. Pray for me that I can organize my lessons and be very prepared.

Adjustments and surprises in the Philippines

My (David) backpack which contained my laptop computer was stolen directly from the backseat of my car while I was in a road-side Korean Grocery Store. Wed, July 15. I didn't discover the theft until I had driven home and looked in the backseat. It's true that I did not lock the car doors, but now I had a problem. How much personal information is on my laptop? Basically everything. I was distressed.

I drove back to the Korean Grocery and reported the theft to the one store employee, who is also my friend. I spent the rest of the evening and night on the phone with Melissa, and my two oldest sons changing passwords and anything else we could do in order to minimize further personal loss. We even used the Microsoft tracking feature to try to locate it. I visited a few warehouses and met some people that I wouldn't otherwise have normally met - fortunately they were cooperative.

But we did not find it. In despair, I just sat by the road, ate my slice of pizza and watched traffic drive by. Yes, I prayed. But it was emotional and confusing.

The next day, my employee friend from the Korean Grocery texted me to say that a man showed up and was asking her if she knew of anyone that might have lost a backpack? I drove back to the Korean Grocery and found this man. Unfortunately, he didn't speak much English, and I not speaking much Tagalog. So I called my Tagalog teacher (Olive) *on the phone* and asked her to help.

They talked on the phone quite a bit, and then she told me that they would take me to the Barangay (neighborhood) Office where I could identify if the bag was mine.

When we arrived at the Barangay Office, there sat the Task Force Leader, the secretary and two Filipinas. It was as if they were waiting for me. And they were holding my backpack, my passport, notebook and Immigration identity cards! Boy was I surprised! I had forgotten that I was carrying my passport and Immigration cards! But I can't believe they were being returned to me, freely! I was overjoyed! It was almost as if I didn't care about the computer because I was so happy to have my identity cards found!

Through limited English and gestures, and help from my Tagalog teacher Olive, I learned that these two women witnessed a man come outside and throw my backpack up onto a neighbors rooftop. That was suspicious, so they retrieved the bag and realizing the contents brought it to the Barangay Office to report. I was so happy and I thanked them profusely!

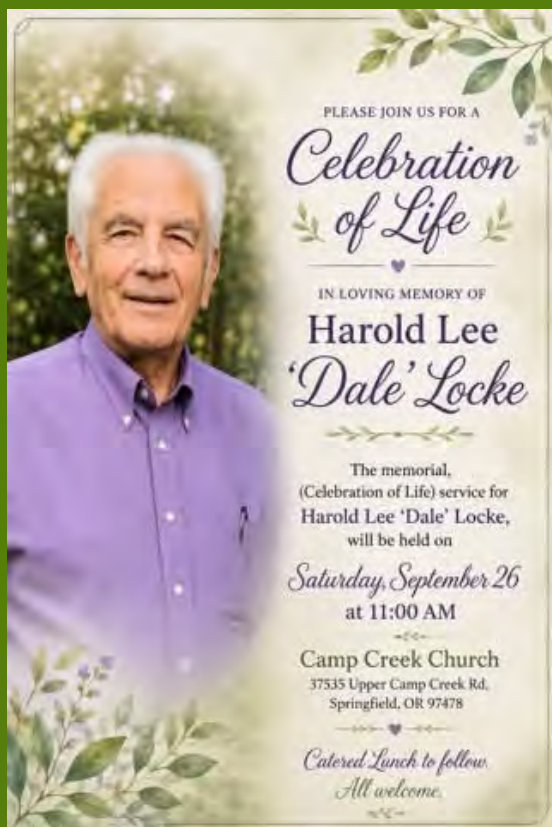
The Task Force Leader informed me that they would go to the suspects house and bring him in for questioning. I was expected to question him. However, the suspect ran away when the Task Force Leader approached the house.

In order to pursue this case, which I wanted, was to drive to the Cainta Police Station and file an official report. It was there we learned that the suspect has a reputation for stealing, robbery and causing trouble.

Next steps for those of you who read this far? Thank God with me that my Passport and Immigration cards were returned. And please ask God for the return of my computer.



Top right: The Barangay office Middle The two witnesses who contacted authorities to help get the backpack and contents back to proper owner. Left: The Police station statement.



Prayer

- For peace and persistence and steadfast reliance on God's plan.
- A special concern for you to pray for is the green card status of our son-in-law, Dawei. For those who don't remember, he is a Faith Academy alumni, who met Naomi at Cairn University. They were married in 2024 and are expecting a sweet baby girl in early October. Dawei is Chinese and working on immigration to the US. They had a green card interview last April, but have heard nothing since. They understand the green card may be denied and they do have contingency plans. Please pray that they would hear one way or the other so they can move in the right direction. "You keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." Isaiah 26:3

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you -James 1:5



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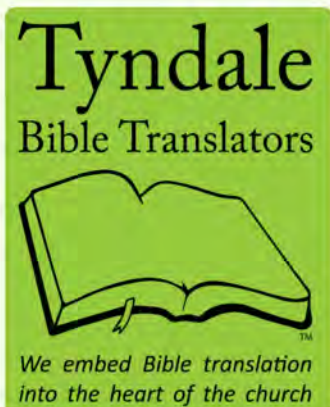
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