

Reaching the Filipinos for Christ *the Catalans* **METRO MANILA, PHILIPPINES**



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Dear Prayer Partners,

We hope that you are staying safe in the midst of the pandemic going on around the world.

Due to Pandemic that is been going on, it had affected our plans in a big way that involves us having to make a quick decision in changing our plans. As of now we were not able to go to the Philippines, as the Philippine government are trying to reduce the covid-19 cases in the country. Our flight was supposed to be March 10, but three days before our flight Philippine government banned anyone that will come from South Korea even transit passengers which our connecting flight was in South Korea, and all Asian countries that have high covid-19 cases. So, we needed to cancel and rescheduled our flight to March 21st that is a direct flight from Canada to Manila. Four days before March 21st the Philippine government put the country to complete lockdown. With much prayer for wisdom and guidance, and advise from friends in the Philippines, and my Father who lives in the Philippines, we decided to cancel our flight once again and stay until everything is back to normal at the very least the public transportation.

We are eager to go to the Philippines and have been looking forward being there, and it was hard to make a decision to delay our flight there. But I know God is in control of everything and this Pandemic will pass.

We are thankful to God that in spite all the negative news we hear, we are all healthy and we are thankful for that and how God always show His faithfulness in our lives. We are thankful for His continued provision and care during this time. God has been answering our prayers and has been providing our needs. We are excited to let you know that we have reached 100% of our support goal and start-up fund. Also, we were able to get refund from all the flights that we cancelled.

In the meantime, we are enjoying plenty of family time indoor, time with God, and watching the news daily. We will be observing the situation on a monthly basis, and as soon as things there are close to normal there, we will make plans once again to travel. We are praying within 2 months we will be there. Thank you for your continued prayer and support for our family. God Bless and stay safe.

In His Service,
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