



# Serving the Lord in the Philippines Greetings from the Gundersons



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*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Jesus the Messiah. Galatians 3:28*



**Stand Firm**  
1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Be on your guard. Remain strong in the faith. Be brave. <sup>14</sup> Be loving in everything you do.

This last quarter we have truly seen the Hand of God moving throughout everything we did. July was a month of planning for August and September events, but we continued to do our weekly Torah studies and discipleship classes in Las Pinas, Angeles and Magalang.



We were also able to participate in the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) National Convocation. This has been one of the denominations that we have been working with since our arrival in 2012. We have actually known the presiding Bishop Avel Forto since 1990 and have had a long relationship with them. Serving as the

National Youth Director, I often have an opportunity to speak during these events. However, this one was special as we were able to assist in the ordination of a good friend of ours from Pasay, Edison Tan as a pastor. He is truly a gifted teacher and we have attended many of his teachings in the past. We were excited to be a part of him taking this step of servitude to our Lord.

We were also able to participate in the planning and as part sponsor and host in the first Together for Israel seminar in the Philippines. The speakers were Pastor Scott Volk from Together for Israel ([www.togetherforisrael.org](http://www.togetherforisrael.org)) and Dr. Michael L. Brown ([www.askdrbrown.org](http://www.askdrbrown.org)). During



their seven day visit, they were able to speak at several locations in the Davao and Manila areas and over 8,000 people attended the various events. We will be working with Together for Israel in future annual events with Dr. Brown and other speakers.

While all these events kept us traveling throughout the country, we also had 7 typhoons and several tropical storms

happening behind the scenes. This always added an additional facet to our travel adventures as only the Philippines can do. It makes serving the Lord here a true adventure.



During the Feast of Trumpets in September, I had the honor to be one of two speakers to speak in the Philippine House of Representatives and address Christian members of the House as well as Pastors and other attendees. It was a full day celebration. While the event was to celebrate Rosh Hashanah (Feast of Trumpets), it was also to share the significance and encourage Christian



members of the House who had authored a Philippine House Bill 6312 that is an act to recognize and declaring the Feasts of the Lord as Special Non-Working Holidays throughout the Philippines. From our research, the Philippines is the first country outside of Israel itself to do this on a national level. Nancy and I had many opportunities to meet with some of the pastors as well as members of the House of Representatives.





We ended September doing a conference in Toledo, Cebu on the Hebraic Roots of our Faith. It was well received with over

140 in attendance, with over 90 being pastors of area churches and various denominations. Everyone was truly engaged in the discussions and had equally powerful questions afterwards,



as participants were truly interested and we were squeezing a lot into a one day seminar. We have already been asked to go back to Toledo for another two day seminar as well as another seminar in Samar, Leyte. We were later asked by the pastor if we would be willing to do a child dedication and a house blessing. The young couple had just purchased a new home for their family, but were not willing to move in until their baby daughter



had been dedicated to the Lord as well as their home. We were so blessed by their simple, but powerful faith and dedication to the Lord. Another exciting element of this conference is it was the first "team"

trip with Nancy and three other members from our Friday Night Torah study. Nancy and I couldn't have been happier or prouder of those that traveled with us and assisted with everything including set-up and logistics. Hopefully the first of many as we continue to grow.

We leave for the US on November 4 for the first time in three years. We will be visiting our two children in LA as well as other family and friends in various parts of the US. We will be returning to the Philippines in January. Please keep us in your prayers.

### Nancy's Notes



When we take steps of faith to make progress in life, there is no guarantee that we will not experience opposition. However, we do have God's guarantee that He will always be with us, and that is truly all we need.

We don't need to know what He is going to do, how He is going to do it, or when He is going to do it. We only need to know that He is with us.

### Prayer Requests

We are always so blessed by your faithful prayers. If you feel led to be a part of our prayer team, please send us an email at [nancy@oneinyeshua.org](mailto:nancy@oneinyeshua.org). As a part of the prayer team you will be sent a monthly update the beginning of each month. We ask you to keep us and these issues in prayer.

### Specific Needs in the Philippines

- We need to find a better and more permanent location for our home and ministry within the next six months.

### Upcoming Ministry Opportunities

- We are returning to the US in November for the first time in three years. We will be there till January. While we will be visiting our children in Los Angeles and family in Texas, we are also asking the Lord for opportunities to minister while we are there as well.

### Prayer Concerns

- Please pray that His church in the US will remain in humble repentance before our Lord's throne in prayer till our nation has been healed and restored (2 Chronicles 7:14).
- President Trump is scheduled to come to the Philippines to meet with President Duterte. President Duterte met with former President Obama before the last election with antagonistic results. Please pray that this meeting goes well, that it is secure and mends relations between these two leaders and nations.
- We are praying for the Lord's abundant provision during our time in the US. We have already had to cancel some ministry events as we were unable to meet the financial aspect.

We cannot thank you enough for taking time to keep us in prayer. May the Lord give back to you a hundredfold for your labor of love for us and the Lord's work. Also, let us know how we can be praying for you as well.

Maraming salamat! Thank you so much for all of those who are standing with us throughout another year. Nancy and I wish to thank you so much for all that you do for us. If not for your prayers and support we would not be able to minister on the Lord's behalf here. We are excited about helping to build God's Kingdom here in the Philippines with you.

We love and appreciate all of you and pray for you regularly. May God give back to you in His abundance.

Paul & Nancy



### STAY CURRENT

We have several ways for you to keep current on what we are doing and where we are speaking. We also want to stay current with you as well. Please let us know what God is doing in your lives and how we can be praying for you.



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