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From the Office Desk

Embracing Faith, Family, and Hope: A Message for the New Year.

As Christmas draws near and we prepare to say goodbye to 2025, I extend warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026. May the coming year be filled with new beginnings, adventures, hopes, and dreams for all. My prayer is that God's guiding hand will lead you every step of the way, fulfilling your deepest desires and dreams.

In uncertain times, it is essential to place our trust in God and His divine plan for each of us. **Jeremiah 29:11** reminds us of God's promise – *“plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future”*. While life may present challenges and obstacles, we can find solace in knowing that God's purpose is greater than any adversity we may face.

Reflecting on the meaning of family, we discover that it extends beyond blood relations to encompass a broader community of support and love. Our immediate family, friends, work colleagues, church family, and beyond form a network of care and connection that sustains us through life's trials and triumphs. In the tapestry of family, we find strength, comfort, and companionship that uplift us in times of need.

The value of family became profoundly evident to me this year when I experienced the loss of my son, a heart-wrenching experience that no parent anticipates. In the midst of grief, I was uplifted by the outpouring of love and support from family members near and far. The words of comfort, prayers, and gestures of kindness were a beacon of hope, reminding me that we are never alone in our struggles.

Philippians 4:13 *“I can do all this through him who gives me strength”* affirms that through God, we find the strength to endure and persevere. It is the love of family that sustains us through life's darkest moments, offering solace and a renewed sense of purpose. While material wealth may offer temporary relief, it is the bond of family that provides enduring comfort and support.

As we navigate the uncertainties of life, may we embrace the promise of **Psalms 121:1-8** - *“I lift up my eyes to the mountains; where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.”* In God's unfailing love and grace, we find the courage to face each day with faith, hope, and resilience.

As we embark on a new year, may we cherish the gift of family, treasure every moment shared, and draw strength from the bonds that unite us. May 2026 be a time of renewal, growth, and abundant blessings for all. Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year ahead.

Blessings,
Karen Moar
Team Leader/Administrator.



PHIL AND RUTH ARE TWO INCREDIBLY DEVOTED PEOPLE, PASSIONATE ABOUT SHARING THE GOSPEL TO ALL CORNERS OF THE PHILIPPINES AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. HAVE A READ OF THE AMAZING THINGS THEY'VE BEEN UP TO THE PAST FEW MONTHS!

Growth, Connection, Impact.

Getting equipped in Malolos

We praise God for the fruitful meetings that have strengthened our core team as we reviewed our WIGs (Wildly Important Goals) and prepared strategically for 2026. The final quarter core meeting was a time of reflection, alignment, and renewed vision.

Mindoro Sponsorship

We are deeply grateful for the continued support of our sponsors and prayer partners for our students in Mindoro. Your faithfulness is making a lasting impact among the communities we serve. Thank you for standing with us!

Parenting Seminar Participation

We had the privilege of joining a parenting seminar initiated by our province in partnership with the Malolos Ministerial Women's Group. It was a meaningful time of learning and finding opportunity to use this in reaching out to the community.

JCM Barihan Outreach

A new community outreach! Pray for more homes to open their doors and heart for the Gospel in this community.



A successful pre-marriage course completed at JCM Church.

How to pray for those going on a short term mission:

Phil and Ruth recently shared about a trip they led to the Mindoro village. For many on their team, it was their first time on a short term mission. Phil and Ruth shared some great points about how we as supporters can be specifically praying for those who step out in faith and serve in a mission. We hope this is an encouragement for you and will inspire you to join our next team to the Philippines!

Some sponsored kids in San Teodoro.



A few of the Barihan community.

For first timers:

- Pray that each first-time missionary will seek God deeply in prayer and Scripture, preparing their hearts to serve with humility and love.
- Ask God to remove fear and anxiety, replacing it with courage and trust in Him as they step into unfamiliar territory.

Protection and safety of the team:

- Ask God to prepare the hearts of each team member—physically, emotionally, and spiritually—for the mission ahead.
- Cover the team in prayer for safety in travel, health, and spiritual protection throughout the mission.

Open hearts of the Tribe:

- Pray that the tribal community would be receptive to the message of hope and love, and that relationships would be built.

Provision and resources:

- Lift up the logistical needs—transportation, food, materials, and finances. Pray for generous hearts and open doors.

Lasting Impact:

- Pray that the seeds planted during this mission will grow and bear fruit for generations to come.



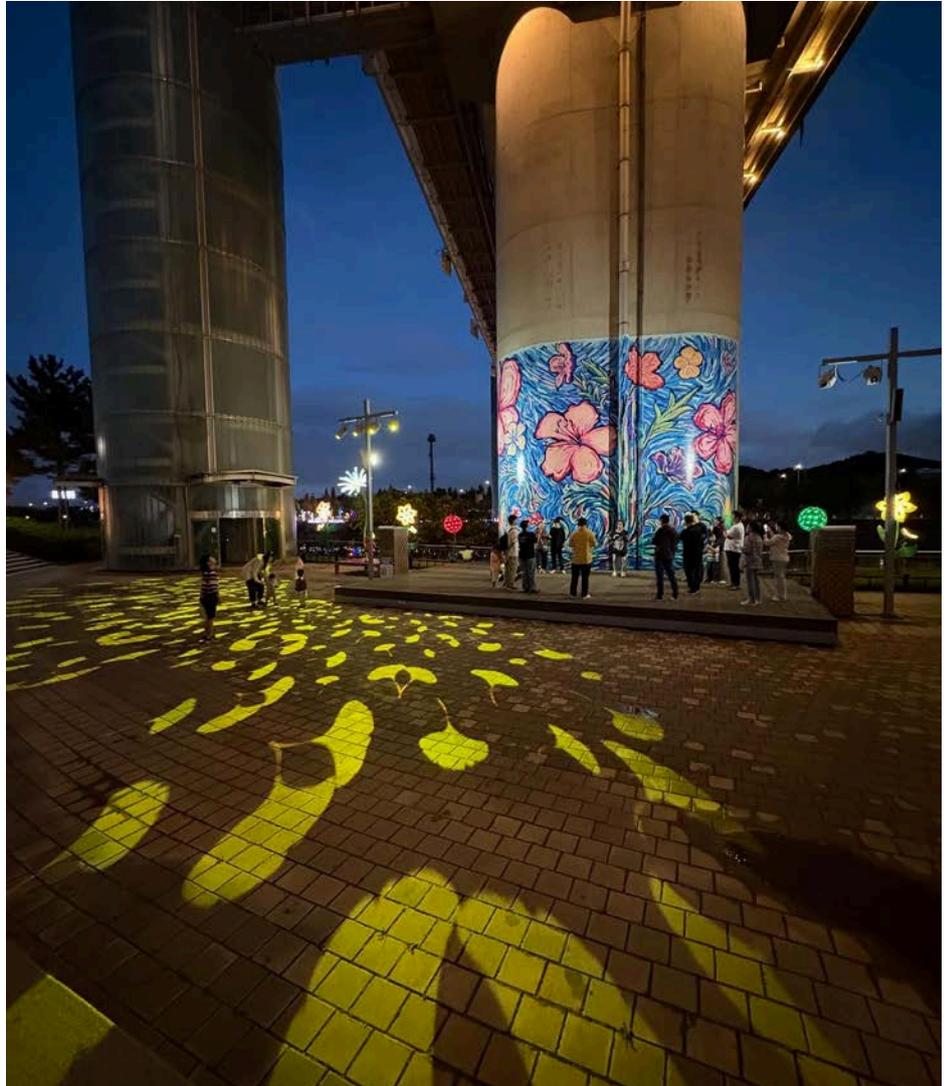
Feeding the kids in the Bulalacao Community.

Use Me Where I Am Needed: South Korea

“Have you ever said the most dangerous prayer that leads you to the land of the unknown where so much of God’s goodness is waiting? I can’t remember the first time I said it, or how many times I’ve said it since then, but I’m so glad I did!

“Lord, use me where I am needed.”

In regard to my work with HOPE61, God has been so gracious this year in providing opportunities for me to grow and connect through this ministry. It’s been so obvious to me how God is using this season to bring human trafficking even more into the light. In 2025, He has enabled me to share about human trafficking prevention in my homeland of New Zealand, but also in Thailand, the Philippines, and most recently South Korea.



The Korean Missionary Candidates gathering to practice their graduation song.

My main purpose in South Korea.

My main purpose in South Korea was to work with Korean missionary candidates, who were completing seven months of training in preparation for moving to their mission fields. I was able to be with them for their last couple of weeks, helping with their English classes, and taking them through a HOPE61 workshop.

My workshop started in a bit of a flurry as it got moved up a week earlier than scheduled, with just an hour and a half notice! But praise the Lord, He gave me that peace I needed and I was quickly ready to go. In the short hour and a half that I had to present this workshop, I was so grateful that God helped me to teach well, and that my students were eager to learn more.

This was my first HOPE61 presentation where my trainees were still learning English, but I was blessed to have some men in the class that could converse and translate well when needed.

Imogen leading a HOPE61 workshop.



Because of their English levels, I began the workshop with a matching activity. The students worked in pairs and groups to match a concept (such as sweatshop or prostitute) with its picture. This was helpful for them to learn these new words, before we put them into context later in the training. I was really proud of them all as they worked hard to understand, as well as ask questions along the way.

My absolute favourite part of any HOPE61 training is learning about the students assets. Hearing about their strengths, gifts, talents, and skills is a wonderful experience that really helps them feel encouraged, that they are equipped to reach their community. Thinking about the mission fields these students would soon be moving to, we had rich conversation about what they'd be doing, and how their plans on the mission field worked together with reaching the vulnerable and preventing human trafficking.

I really felt God capture their hearts with this training which was such an honour to witness. The following morning I led the intermediate English class, which we started by continuing the conversation about human trafficking. They asked more questions about what to do if you see trafficking happening, which led me to remind and encourage them to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus. I shared that in this world of chaos and darkness, our minds must be trained to always look to our Saviour, the giver of light.

When I arrived in Korea, this workshop was the only one that was scheduled, but God opened another door! At the training school, they organised another HOPE61 workshop for me to lead, this time including the Directors of the school, along with their daughter, the school's administrator, and other missionaries that were currently home on furlough. This too was a wonderful experience to get more people aware, but was a bit trickier with their lesser knowledge of English. However, the director's daughter was so helpful in translating some questions.

Throughout my month long stay in South Korea, God continued to set up divine opportunities for conversation with people I met in churches and at events. As time went on, it was made clearer to me how little people knew that it was happening there. For me, it was special to be able to bring awareness, even in these little encounters.

I'm confident that God has even more planned for HOPE61 in the Asia region. I am excited to be a part of it... wherever I am needed.

Blessings,
Imogen Cook
HOPE61 Trainer.



The Missionary Training School - Run by the Korea Evangelical Holiness Church (KEHC).



Somewhere Else

GLYN AND NAOMI JOHNSTON AND THEIR DAUGHTER MINNA BEGAN THEIR MISSION JOURNEY IN HUNGARY IN 2021. NOW THEY'RE BACK IN NZ PREPARING FOR THEIR NEXT SEASON IN SPAIN. THE FOLLOWING BLOG, WRITTEN RECENTLY BY NAOMI, SHARES HER DAUGHTER'S PERSPECTIVE OF 'WHERE IS HOME?'

“Where’s your home?”

The question that most third-culture kids (TCKs) can see coming a mile off. All that foresight doesn’t help, though. They’re still left struggling to aptly explain in a sentence or two what most other kids can communicate in one word.

Third-culture kids are kids who have lived in two or more countries, resulting in them not quite fitting into the first, but also not quite seamless in the other, so they’re a mixed-up jumble of different cultures who we now title TCKs. After four years in Budapest, our daughter Minna has well and truly joined this club, and nothing makes me more aware of this than when I offer her a Tim Tam Slam and she politely declines—actually mind-blowing.

“Where’s your home?”

“Somewhere else.”

This was Minna’s answer recently. Needless to say, this answer knocked the breath out of me; she doesn’t know how right she is—home is somewhere else. For her, this answer may be hiding how crazy this last year has been, but for me, this answer reminded me of a truth we often forget.

When I left New Zealand for Budapest, I stopped calling New Zealand home, even though that is where I have been most fundamentally formed for the longest time. It definitely wasn't from lack of love; it was purely strategic so I could look forward instead of constantly over my shoulder at all the good things that had been left. However, home is also not Budapest anymore, even though there resides a community of people who know this new version of me the very best. Many tears were shed when I had to say goodbye to this special community and that beautiful city. To make matters more complicated, home is also not Spain, even though that is the place toward which our vision thrusts us, albeit slower than I would like.

Home is somewhere else.

Living as a missionary gets that right. It pushes us into this wandering lifestyle of being "other" - a constant reminder that while we can play house here on earth in this lifetime, this is not our home; this is not our final state of being.

You wouldn't believe how much easier decisions are when that perspective starts to sink into everyday life. Trying to keep my reputation intact matters much less if it costs me something eternal. I'm starting to get an embodied understanding of the verse, "And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?" Rather, how can I leverage the present for the future? How can I leverage this life for the next? When I get to the end of my days, what will have actually been important? It straightens some very crooked things out, hey.

When I started asking these questions, Minna suddenly became very important. My relationship with my husband, Glyn, became a lot nearer to the top of the priorities list. God became the be-all and end-all of purpose.

When Minna first answered this question, I was a little sad. But over the last few weeks, this feeling has changed within me. Because actually, when asked the question, "Where's your home?" I want to be able to answer with utmost confidence, "Somewhere else."

By Naomi Johnston.



Naomi and Glyn sharing about their mission journey.

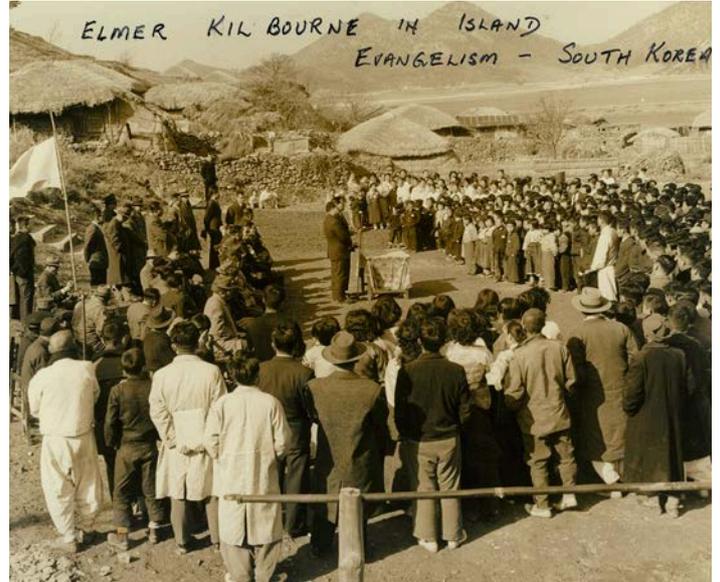
OMS History in Korea - 1960s

After spending time in Korea a couple of months ago, I was reminded of the rich connection OMS has with this beautiful country. After starting in Japan in 1901, Korea was OMS's second destination for ministry. I found some amazing photos in our historical files from a mission led in South Korea in the 1960s, headed by Elmer Kilbourne, grandson of OMS co-founder Ernest Kilbourne.



MRS KILBOURNE
DISTRIBUTING
CLOTHING.
SOUTH KOREA

Elmer's wife helps to pass out clothes for the winter.



ELMER KILBOURNE IN ISLAND
EVANGELISM - SOUTH KOREA

Elmer preaches to a crowd of Koreans.



FEEDING STATION
SOUTH KOREA

A feeding station that can provide food to 300 people.



O.M.S. CANVAS CHURCH - KOREA

Establishing a new church in remote areas.

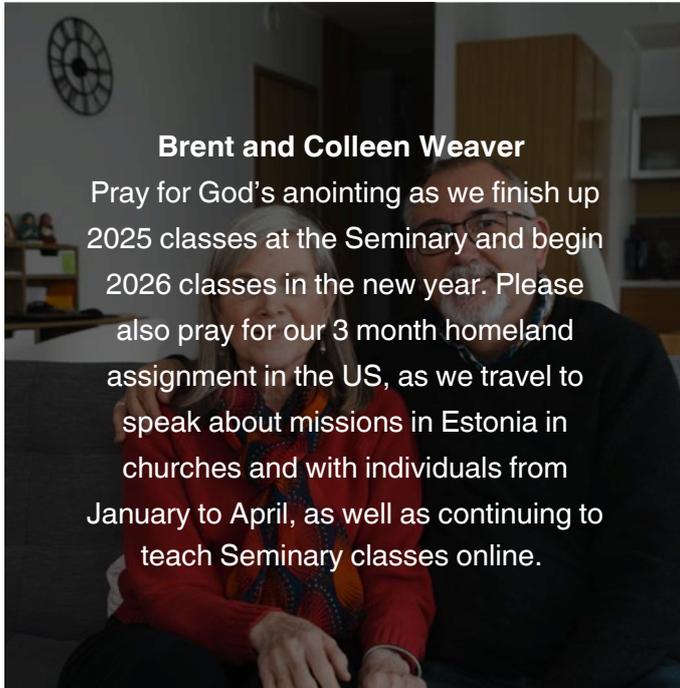


A student evangelistic team ready for the evening mission.

As we look ahead to One Mission Society's 125th year celebration next year, it's so important to look back and remember the goodness of God through the years. It stands true that God is the same yesterday, today, and for all the days to come. Are you ready for what He will do next?

By Imogen Cook.

“Never stop praying.” 1 Thess 5:17 (NLT)



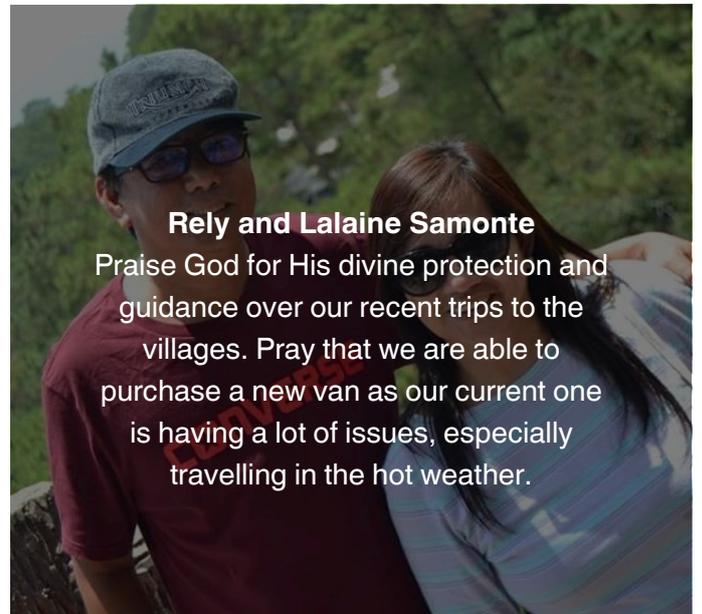
Brent and Colleen Weaver

Pray for God’s anointing as we finish up 2025 classes at the Seminary and begin 2026 classes in the new year. Please also pray for our 3 month homeland assignment in the US, as we travel to speak about missions in Estonia in churches and with individuals from January to April, as well as continuing to teach Seminary classes online.



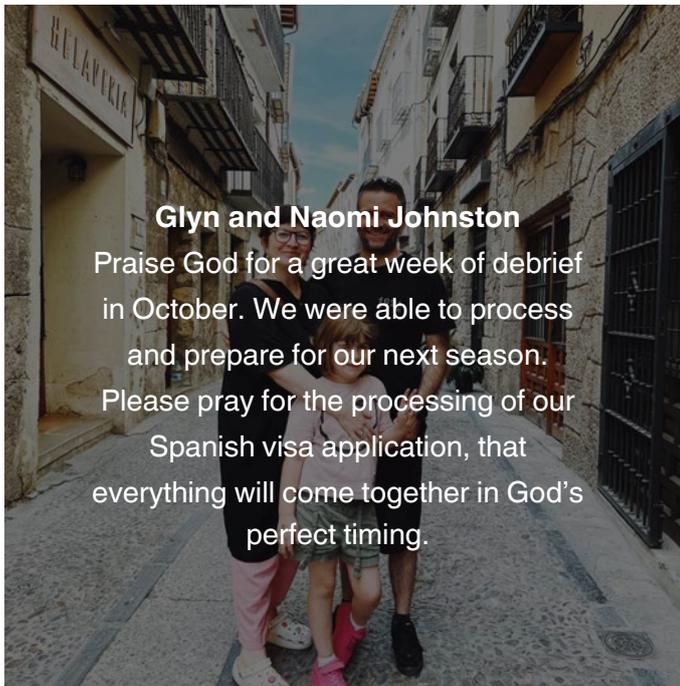
Phil and Ruth Robinson

Praise God for two new outreach areas! Pray for good relationships to be built, and that people in these areas will have encounters with Jesus. Pray for protection over the Philippines as severe typhoons have recently hit the country badly.



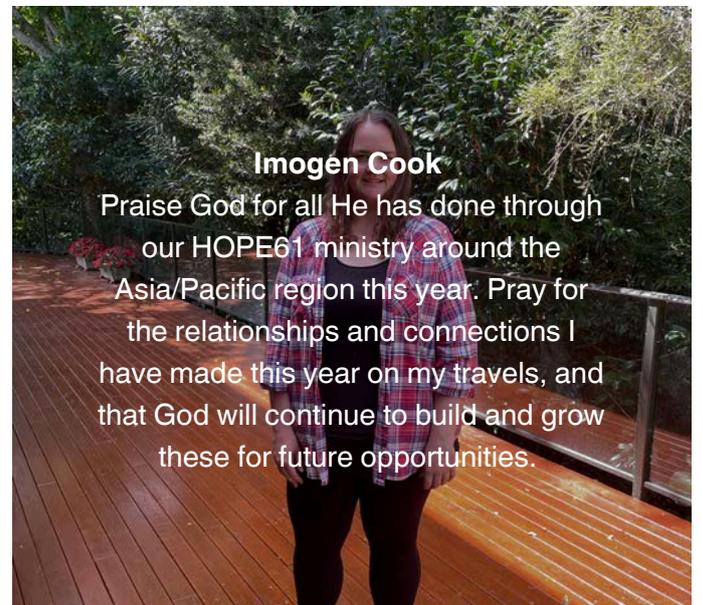
Rely and Lalaine Samonte

Praise God for His divine protection and guidance over our recent trips to the villages. Pray that we are able to purchase a new van as our current one is having a lot of issues, especially travelling in the hot weather.



Glyn and Naomi Johnston

Praise God for a great week of debrief in October. We were able to process and prepare for our next season. Please pray for the processing of our Spanish visa application, that everything will come together in God’s perfect timing.



Imogen Cook

Praise God for all He has done through our HOPE61 ministry around the Asia/Pacific region this year. Pray for the relationships and connections I have made this year on my travels, and that God will continue to build and grow these for future opportunities.

Thank you for partnering with us!

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