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Serving the Lord in Mission to Asia.



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Newest News & Prayers

Our household goods shipment arrived in good condition from Kenya. We give thanks for excellent service by our moving companies in both countries.

We have been told that our work/ resident visas should soon be issued. Please pray this happens as we cannot fly to Taiwan for an important meeting next month without this being completed.

Give thanks to God that we have been preserved well and have had only minor property damage from five typhoons since we have been here. Super Typhoon Ragasa (Nando) was the largest in the world this year.



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Deep Meaningful Conversation



Breakout Group at ILC Conference

In September, we were privileged to participate in the Triennial International Lutheran Council convention, which met in Bohol, here in the Philippines. These meetings bring together church leaders from confessional Lutheran church bodies worldwide to learn, to fellowship, and to discuss matters that have to do with mission and church planting. While we met with many people from other counties, our primary focus was to have deep, meaningful discussions with our Filipino pastors, to understand their concerns and to partner together so we can better serve here.

The past six years in East Africa have been well-spent, helping to build up the seminary in Kenya and the fledgling school in Tanzania. That was important work. But the work here in Asia is even more critical. Over 60-percent of the world population lives in Asia. And the Lutheran Church in the Philippines sits in a strategic position, both physically and in terms of language, currently the only English-language, confessional Lutheran seminary in Asia. We are also positioned to work with the newly-formed Australian Lutheran Mission after some unfortunate developments that necessitated a split in that church body. We thank you for your commitment to pray for and to support us here.

In Christ,

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Deepening Relationships



What is this creature?

A trip to Bohol is not complete without seeing the Chocolate Hills. (Maybe we will feature them in a later newsletter.) But just as fascinating is this little fellow.

The tarsier is a tiny primate that lives in the dense forests of Bohol. It is a little carnivore, which munches on insects and the occasional small lizard.

They are nocturnal, so this guy was supposed to be asleep. They are also easily startled by noise and light. So we had to be quiet.

Our Lord has created an amazing array of beautiful creatures and the tarsier is one of them.

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In Asia, building deep and meaningful relationships is paramount to ministry. While we were at the International Lutheran Council meeting, I met many women from countries throughout the world. This was a real treat.

Yet even more important than that was time getting to know my coworkers and the ladies of our partner churches who do so much both publicly and behind the scenes.

In this photo, you can see me enjoying getting to know Arlene Reyes, wife of the president of the Lutheran Church in the Philippines, and Deaconess Carol Halter, one of our longtime LCMS missionaries (who serves in Hong Kong). These times are priceless.

In Christ's care,

Robyn

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