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Please Pray for:

- the safe delivery of our first granddaughter to Kezia and Aaron Nielsen, due early October.
- congregations around the world to fully resume services of Word and Sacrament.
- those who have lost work because of decreased funding.
- the financial struggles of the church.

Thank God

- that the new academic year is proceeding without problem or further delay.
- that Amy made it safely to the USA to be with the Niensens for the baby's birth.
- for all those who support us and other LCMS missionaries throughout Asia and the world.



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These are our students who have returned from vicarage for their final year, from left to right, Rogellio Tibao, Jaquil Laoyan, Phillip German, Albert Lupingay.

Phillip (last name pronounced *Herman*) completed a two and a half year vicarage. Because he is the only one remaining from his original class it was determined that it would be better for him to delay an extra year in order to have colleagues for his final months of seminary study. He is from Mindanao, the southernmost big island, where he also did his vicarage. He is single.

I was blessed to teach the other three seminarians during their second year. All three are from this northern large island, Luzon. These three served as deacons in congregations before coming to seminary; so they have had considerable experience in church work

Rogellio (a.k.a, Roger) did not have his family with him during his first two years at seminary. Thankfully, they were able to join him for vicarage, and now they are with him

for this last year on campus: three sons and one daughter.

Jaquil's family could not join him for vicarage. His wife and three daughter's remained here on campus so the girls could continue their schooling without interruption. (Little did they expect Covid-19, which really interrupted schools!)

Albert has been away from his family during his entire course of study. He is my age, and I think he has six children, but we have never met his family.

As I mentioned last newsletter, I am teaching three classes: History of Mission and Pastoral Theology to this class, and the Epistle to the Romans to the second year class.

As in the past I am truly impressed with these brothers and their families who are eager to study in order to become faithful pastors of our Lord's church and ministers of Word and Sacrament. Thank you for giving me this honor through your gifts of support.

You read in the prayer list on the first page that we give thanks that Amy has made it back safe and sound to help out as our next grandchild is due any time now. She is in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the foreseeable future since internationals are not presently allowed to enter the Philippines because of the pandemic.

For the first time in a long time, I am having to cook for myself, or, in my case, what approximates cooking! (Should I have added that to the prayer list—that I don't poison myself?) Not to mention everything else she does to make my life a joy. Thanks be to God she can take that joy to our family in the U.S.A. Please keep us both in your prayers as we are apart.



As you can see, masks are an almost constant part of life now. How long that will last no one knows.

To the lower right you witness one of the few times when the masks were doffed. These are the women of the campus. Most of them were a part of the women's study that Amy had gotten going. They hosted a campus-wide potluck a few weeks ago when that study came to its conclusion after a corona virus hiatus of some months.

We are off to church on a Sunday morning in the picture in the upper right. Masks *and* face shields are required to get into grocery stores, as Amy's picture shows.

Once again, it is because of you that Amy and I have been able to serve here in the Philippines at Lutheran Theological Seminary. We ask and pray that you would continue to provide financial support and remember us in your prayers. We always enjoy hearing from you.

Thank you, and *Roger B. James*



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