

Dafoes Update

Dr. Larry Waters leads a team of students from Dallas Theological Seminary and members of Biblical Community Church for a short Mission trip to the Philippines on July 7-18, 2011.



David's Corner

Time flies and it's been a while since we sent you our last update. One of the items at the top of our list when we moved to Texas was to find a Bible-based and Spirit-led church. Lake Ridge Bible Church was recommended by one of our contacts and we feel at home worshipping with our fellow believers in Christ. We now consider it as our home church. I am teaching the book of Ephesians in the Boomer's class as part of my teaching internship. Because this group is so well-versed in Scriptures they keep me on my toes!

We have lived in Rowlett, Texas since we moved in December 2008, nearly two-and-a-half years. I started my seminary training in winter of 2008 and I am finishing my third year in the ThM program. Before graduating, I am required to complete a teaching internship of 400 hours. I was given the opportunity to teach Sunday School at Lake Ridge Bible Church for 14 Sundays which count for my internship. In July, Becky and I will go to the Philippines with Dr. Water's team to do various types of ministry, including theological education, preaching, evangelism, and social outreach among the underprivileged people. Upon returning, I will continue my teaching internship during Fall semester at the Lay Institute at Dallas Theological Seminary. I hope to finish my course some time next year. Apart from my studies, Becky and I keep busy with domestic activities and occasionally relax at home with a movie and popcorn. About once a month we meet with our home team for fellowship and prayer. We try to exercise regularly and help with the needs in our neighborhood community. We hope this update gives you a glimpse into our current activities and the kinds of ministries we hope to be involved with in the future. We continually look up to our God who has a perfect plan for our lives and makes no mistakes. We will continue to keep you abreast of developments as we seek God's clear direction in our lives and ministry.





Dallas Arboretum



DTS Filipino Students



Filipinas we met at the Arboretum

Newsbits

Becky's Corner

I am keeping myself busy with church involvement in the women's ministry, home team meetings, VBS volunteering and choir. I also signed up for Acts 18 and Triple-S, two components of the Seminary Wives In Ministry (SWIM) program. Triple-S provides seminary wives with opportunities for spiritual growth through an independent reading program guided by a faculty wife. I'm blessed to have Mrs. Pearl Lightner as my faculty advisor. Acts 18 offers assistance to new seminary wives in transition with support and information about the Dallas community.

DTS Filipino Fellowship

The picture above was from a recent dinner gathering and fellowship of Filipino students at Dallas Theological Seminary. There are about 10 Filipino men who are studying at the seminary. Jun Muego got a full scholarship from the seminary and he just graduated in May. It was interesting to learn the future plans of each student during our sharing and prayer time. Several of them are going back to the Philippines to do some kind of ministry but others are still seeking the Lord's will.

Future Ministry

After two years of teaching ESL in Japan, we were convinced that David should pursue further training in seminary. You might be wondering what's next? We have been praying and seeking God's will for our future. We're not going back to Japan, but God has laid in our hearts a multi-purpose ministry of reaching out to socially disadvantaged people in the Philippines. This growing passion was enhanced during the World Evangelization Conference held at DTS.

Praise and Prayer Concerns



Praise God for...

- His faithful provision of David's seminary needs.
- New friends in Texas.
- Lake Ridge Bible Church providing opportunities for us to serve.
- Nice Christian landlord and comfortable rental home.

Please pray for...

- Wisdom, strength, good health, safety, unity and effectiveness of the team in the Philippines from July 7-18, 2011.
- Dr. Larry Waters healing from chronic nerve pain on the left side of his face.
- Good weather and good working relationship with our Filipino church hosts.

Our dear friends and family,

We appreciate your prayers and support for us all through the years. Your friendship has been an encouragement to us and we treasure it so much.

God's blessing to you all,

David and Becky