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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As summer is fast approaching, so is one of the most busy times of the year for our economy. With school ending in a few weeks, churches all over the world are starting to become more busy with events they have planned for their congregations. With that in mind, Amillia and I have started to notice that it is increasingly harder to get new meetings and opportunities to share about our future ministry in the Philippines. At the same time, the US economy is experiencing high inflation and high interest rates which in turn results in a tough financial environment.

With all things considered, We want to thank you for your continued prayers and support. Even in a slowing economic environment, our monthly support continues to remain stable the past few months. With that, we were able to continue to provide for our daily needs and save for our future ministry in Baguio city, Philippines. A true testament to your unwavering faithfulness to helping missions around the world.

We are currently saving for our plane ticket to go to Baguio City, Philippines around the first quarter of 2024. Our goal is to go to the mission field in January 2024 but it is entirely contingent upon the approval of my travel document/green card application which we expect to be approved by the third or fourth quarter this year. If the approval of my travel document is received later than January 2024, we plan on leaving to go to the Philippines no later than 60 days after the approval of either my travel document or green card application.

We went ahead and applied for a green card last January because we found out that the application fee will increase 100% by May and the sooner we file, the sooner we get an answer and sooner we get to leave for the Philippines. Although it cost us around \$2500 to apply at the time, we deemed it a necessity for me to have one for the future. If my wife ever needed to go back for medical reasons, I can be with her. If we ever needed to leave the Philippines due to increasing political conflicts, we can go back together as a family and not be apart.

We are still paying off our bill for the green card application and we are praying that we get an answer from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration services later this year. We trust everything in God's hands. Whether God will give me a green card or not, we will still serve him and go to the Philippines together as a family. God has a purpose for everything and we will trust his plan and his process.

Again, we want to say thank you for your continued support and we can't wait to be on our way to the Philippines and serve him with all of our hearts.

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