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Dear friends and partners,

It is my hope and prayer that all is well with you. I hope you are enjoying the summer with your family and friends. Each time I sit to write for an MBI dateline I always acknowledge my friends and partners. Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting our work in the Philippines financially and in prayer. I say this repeatedly, I could have not done God's work without your support. We are thankful despite the decrease of giving that we continue to fund our programs that is : feeding the children, sending 66 of them to school and helping poverty- stricken families with food and clothing. These works continue to grow! Not one child was sent home because we ran out of food or we cannot sponsor them to go to school. The dollar you gave is being stretched. We are experiencing the amazing work of God in the field among our staff and the children! Remember how Jesus multiplied the 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread to feed more than 5,000! He is faithful. When He calls, He provides!

God continues to bring order into my personal life. I have spent many hours before the Lord asking Him for peace, guidance and direction. Have you ever been in that place that if you have to do one thing all over again you would decide to do it differently? Repentance and humility were important factors. God delights when we humble ourselves before Him acknowledging our pride, arrogance and self-sufficiency. The Bible says: ***“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble”***. (James 4:6). I needed God's grace daily for it's only by His grace that I am here today. You may have already noticed I am being transparent in this newsletter. I have had adversities and personal struggles this past year, My marriage ended, my children are not in one home with me , my personal finances crashed, and the ministry's support dwindled down. What am I supposed to do? What would happen to the children under MBI's care? What would my “Christian friends” think of me? These are the adversary's whispers into my ears and the sad thing was I often listened to that voice. Have you ever done that? By doing so, I knew I wasn't honoring God.

Through all of these struggles, I never abandoned our missions work in the Philippines. Although I went through the valley of fear and despair, the joy bells rang in my ears when I called James and Cecille- (our field directors). They told me how well the children were doing and the many lives changed because of our work there. Passion for the ministry is always in my heart despite the trials I am going through: passion to bring the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor. More than twenty years ago, on my return trip from the Philippines, God spoke the following to my heart:

“The reason I allowed you to be shocked at what you see with these poor, dirty, and naked children begging on the streets of Ozamis is because I want you to do something about it. I did not send you to America just to enjoy for yourself the blessings God has upon that land. I want you to “share” those blessings to these little ones”. I want you to tell them I love them too”.

July 2009 was a month of restoration and healing.! I was blessed with prophetic words spoken over me concerning my personal, spiritual and ministerial growth. I also made a decision to get up and get out of the pit of despair. After

all the tragedies and failures in his own life, the psalmist David told himself ***“Bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me Bless His Holy name”***.

Psalm 34:1-4,17-19 “I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise will always be on my lips, My soul will boast in the Lord, let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the Lord with me, let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord and he answered me; and delivered me from all my fears...The righteous cry out and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all”.

God is an awesome God! He is my Deliverer, my Refuge, my Strong tower, my Rock! He is my best friend, my Protector, my Kinsman Redeemer! Oh, how I love Him! He is the endless song echoing my soul in the night watches. He is my Bridegroom. He is my Provider. He is all I need!

I am very excited that MBI is going forward to places we've never been before. There are several calls of help to strategic areas in Mindanao. Areas of opportunity to bring the Gospel to our Muslim brothers and sisters. We are going there. We are going to build a House of Refuge and start a Christian School. Currently we are re-launching “Operation Book Bags” a back to school project to bless a very needy child. We are collecting new or gently used book bag filled with school supplies like paper, notebook, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, etc...including toothpaste, toothbrush, socks and t-shirts. A detailed information packet about this August 9th through September 13th project is available. Shipment is scheduled immediately after the September 13th deadline to ensure prompt arrival for distribution on Christmas Day. Do you want to be there in the Philippines for the distribution? We need funding for travel. I know we are in the midst of trying economic times but God is reordering our finances even our spending habits. I can personally attest to that. This newsletter goes out to more than 200 mailings. Only 25- 30 are regular partners. We need your help. In any case, you may present this project to churches, synagogues, clubs, schools, home church or groups, cells or any organization you're a part of. Come, join hands with us in changing people's lives. It might change yours too.

Thank you for allowing me to share my heart. It is my prayer that what you read may bless and encourage you.

Committed to the Call,

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- Prayer Needs:
1. Pray that God will provide the \$3,000 monthly budget in the field
 2. Pray for Operation Book bags - we need at least 250
 3. Pray for a Fundraiser Director
 4. Pray for wisdom and knowledge for Lynn to lead MBI and for our staff in the field