

**August 2012**

Dear Praying friends,

I had a great trip to the USA. I was very grateful to be able to spend time with my friends and family. I was especially happy to be able to hang out with my college buddy, Carol. Thank you for praying for her. Her first round of chemo went well. She has a long fight ahead of her.



Near the end of my trip, I lost my I-phone. Its value was only 99 cents but it had all of my "stuff" on it. It landed somewhere in the sand at a Chicago beach. So, if you were one of the people who left a message and were waiting to hear from me while I was in the US, this is why you did not hear from me before I left. Amazingly enough right before I returned to the Philippines, a kind stranger found it, and figured out how to get it to me!

Our school year is off to a very good start. My first-year English students seem eager to learn, and to serve the Lord. Please pray that I will be able to give them what they need, and inspire them to go beyond the teacher's expectations.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

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