



Olson Family Christmas Newsletter

*Serving the Lord to Reach
Unreached Language Groups in
the Philippines and Southeast
Asia with Ethnos 360*

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**"Where is He who
has been born
King of the Jews?
For we have seen
His star in the
East and have
come to worship Him."
Matthew 2:2**

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*Pilno with Rupin, back in 2008 before
they became believers.*



*Visiting the USS Alabama museum with
kids and grandkids. :)*



It is truly a joy to have grandchildren!

Dear friends and family,

On Christmas Eve, 1941, the Philippine Government along with General Douglas MacArthur evacuated out of Manila to the island fortress of Corregidor at the mouth of Manila Bay. There that evening, Philippine President Manuel Quezon along with General MacArthur celebrated the Philippine Nochebuena – the Christmas Eve Mass, while the Japanese Empire pressed forward with its invasion and subjugation of the Philippine Islands.

What conditions of the time led the nations of the world to war? An analysis of the generational cycles put forth in the book, "The Fourth Turning" (Neil Howe and William Strauss, 1997), puts World War 2 as the culmination of the last crisis period, which began with the Great Depression. For the United States, WW2 began at the end of 1941, 12 years after the stock market crash of October, 1929. The worldwide depression had led to widely divergent ideological viewpoints on what would be the best way in which the world should move forward, ending in the cataclysmic clashes of the great powers of that day. The Philippines, due to her geography, was caught in the middle of these competing powers.

At the time of this writing, we are once again in a world in which the United States and its allies have growing divergent ideologies with the ideologies of a malevolent totalitarian power in the Eastern Hemisphere. Do we know if this will lead to war? We certainly hope not; however, the division between the competing great powers has only been growing. The current trajectory does not point towards a peaceful resolution.

However, this does not give us cause for despair, but rather incredible hope, as we traverse through these difficult times. Two thousand years ago God sent His Son to earth to become a man, to live and die as one of us, and then to finally defeat death at the resurrection. At the resurrection, another trajectory was set into motion which ends with God as the victor, and us on His side. The spread of the Gospel of Christ over the whole earth has transcended all economic depressions, pandemics, wars, or any other calamities throughout history. That is why we do what we are doing – to be part of bringing the message of God's love and grace through His Son to all who have not heard! This is the meaning of Advent – a time in which we anticipate the coming of the Son of God into the world, and the fulfillment of His plan of love and grace.

Our mission, Ethnos360, was established as New Tribes Mission in 1943 – right in the middle of World War 2. At that time, the mission sent 5 men eligible for the draft down to Bolivia to begin an evangelistic outreach among a violent tribe known now as the Ayore. Eventually the Ayore received the Gospel and embraced Christ; though it cost the lives of those first 5 missionaries. Today our mission continues to bring the Gospel to thousands of unreached people groups across the globe. We are part of the overall missionary effort that God set in motion 2000 years ago.

On our mission's international security and risk management team, we seek to facilitate and enable missionaries going out to reach the unreached. Many of us on the team have previously served on one of our fields. This experience gives us the insight to enable us to do our work effectively, advising the missionary teams in the field and field leadership teams as they prayerfully make decisions.

So what is God doing overseas? As the pandemic is slowing down and countries are opening back up, we have been able to send a significant number of people back to the field. Our field operations are not yet back up to full speed, but they are moving in that direction. The Philippines has had one of the strictest lockdowns in the entire world, with very strict immigration policies. In this environment, we have been able to send at least 2 families back to the field, and are hoping to have 3 or 4 returning families in the early part of 2022. In addition to that, we have 5 or 6 new families that are planning to go to the field in the early part of 2022.

In 2022, I hope to make at least 1 trip back to the Philippines and stay for a few weeks. May 9th of next year is going to be election day, when Filipinos will choose their next President and a slate of new representatives and senators. I hope to be there during that time.

Here is our 2021 year in review -

We lost Pilno, our tribal uncle/father/grandfather

In 2008 when we moved into the tribe with the Palawanos, the village leader, an old man we called "Pilno" welcomed us there with open arms. Over our 3 years in the tribe, he was always a friend to us, helping us in whatever way he could. He was also a powerful shaman; yet when the Gospel was presented in 2012, he was one of the first believers, and never returned to serving the spirits. In the last few weeks he came down with pneumonia and experienced considerable suffering, until his final passing into Christ's arms. We will miss him, but look forward to the day we can see him again.



My personal office where I do most of the ministry work when at home in Texas.



At the training center in Missouri preparing new missionaries for overseas work.



It was great to see the grandkids in between conferences while traveling back and forth. :)



One of the training facilities for the Palawanos, where the students receive an education and Bible courses.



Here is the staff of the Missions School in Bataan, where I have preached at a conference in the past and hope to do so again.

Hello po! Ang pangalan ko po ay Nathanielle Kyla T. Dalipe. I'm 18 years old at first year student College in STI Ortigas-Cainta. Ang kursong ko po ay BMMMA (Bachelor of Multimedia Arts). Personal na nag-procesademat po ako sa inyang walang sewing proporsiyon at paghulang sa Dalipe Family at sa aming pag-aaral na magkakapantid, lalo na po sa inyong pamalangin. Na nabili namin ang second hand na laptop at malaking tulong po ipon sa aking kurso. Kaya po ay blessing sa aming buhay sa Dalipe Family. salamat po mult lalo na sa ating makapangyarihan Diyos sa buong mundo!

Sincerely,
Kyla Dalipe

This is a thank-you note from the middle daughter Kyla. In English it says:

Hello! My name is Nathanielle Kyla T. Dalipe. I'm 18 years old and a first year college student at ... My personal thanks for your generous support and help to the Dalipe Family and the studies of my sisters and I, and especially your prayers. We bought a 2nd hand laptop and it is a big help in my courses. You are a blessing in the life of our family, and we are most thankful to our all-powerful God of the whole world!

We bought a house in Texas

At the beginning of the year, we found out that the place we were staying in North Texas was going to raise our rent by a whopping \$350 per month. Seeing as how this was out of our price range, we started looking around, and found that if we purchased a home in Temple, near one of our main sending churches, we could have a monthly payment of slightly less than we were already paying rent (before the increase). So we bought a house! At this time in our life and ministry, being able to base out of a home stateside really helps us to expand what we are doing. If we need to take trips overseas, we can base out of our own home instead of a rental or the home of relatives. If we need to move back overseas for a few years, we can rent out our home for a term.

Ministry and family travels were restarted

As we came out of the pandemic, I was able to start traveling again. At first, *Ginny and I drove together to visit Isaac and Bethany with their 3 kids*, where they have settled in Florida. Isaac is now a JAG lawyer for the Air Force, and we are very thankful that they are happy. Then in September, we had our Risk Management Network conference, where representatives from multiple mission organizations meet, share stories, encourage each other, and arrange for how we can help each other in this world's growing hostile environment. On the way home, I was able to stop and see Isaac and the kids again.

In October, *I drove to our missionary training center in Missouri*, where we lived back in 2004, and helped train the new missionaries in risk management and security. While serving and advising in this capacity, we hope and pray that God will fill all of His servants with wisdom as we go out, trusting in Him to direct our paths.

In November, we had *two back to back virtual conferences*. One was our international ministries conference – the same one we used to do every other year at one of our field locations. The other was with a faith based working group liaison to OSAC, part of the U.S. State Department. These conferences are very important for keeping the work of our mission going. We don't just listen to the speakers – we often make key decisions at these events that end up shaping our ministry activities over several years. As I look at it, we are living in amazing times. I believe we are going to see God doing things in the world in the next 10 years that we could not have imagined in our lifetime. I know that this world looks dangerous and scary right now, but in reality it is an opportunity to strengthen our faith and be a light to those around us. It is a chance to face the world without fear because of the hope that we have, and be an example to those around us who are weak in faith.

I want to also share about **one of the Filipino missionary families that we have supported over the years**. This is a family that has asked if we would join them in a church planting ministry in one of the provinces when we return to the Philippines, if the Lord opens that door. They are on the administrative staff of the Philippine branch of our mission, and are very active in a feeding outreach to some of the poorer areas of Manila. I have mentioned before that their oldest daughter is in dental school, and their 2nd daughter is preparing for business school. To the left is a copy of their oldest daughter's thank you note to those who most recently gave extra funds to us, which we were able to pass on to this family. My appeal for them is that they are in need of more regular support. We support them with a portion of the funds we receive, as part of our regular tithes and offerings. However, it would really help them to get more regular support from individuals or a church here in the USA. Please contact us and we will put you in touch with them if the Lord leads you to be involved in their ministry in some way.

Blessings to you all in Christ this Christmas!

George for all of us

George & Ginny, serving international missions in the Philippines and other parts of Asia



Our friends the Dalipes have been serving faithfully as Filipino missionaries for many years, planted a church in one of the Igorot groups, and are now on administrative staff.



While in the city, they are involved in a feeding program for Muslim families, reaching across the gap of religious differences.



Their oldest is in dental school, and the family needs some more regular support.

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