

# Darryl & Becky Jordan May 2016 Prayer Letter

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**“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” Jeremiah 33:3 (KJV)**



**Mindanao, Philippines Morning Dawn**  
May 1, 2016



**The Roosters and Hens off to Market**

Dear Loved Ones,

It was Monday, April 25, 2016 at 3:45 am; still dark and not quite dawn yet when the bright yellow moon shown through our bedroom window and the roosters began to We “jumped” out of bed and threw on some quick apparel so we could meet Brian, the NTM pilot, outside.

**The beginning of a new day! A whirlwind of activities that would be continued into the next few months not known to us yet!**

Brian had come to load packages (mail from the States and Manila, medicines, cash orders, fresh veggies and fruit, eggs, gas tanks, etc.) that we had been compiling since the Jennings and Ostmans had returned to their bush location in February. The packing room had been a busy bee hive the few days before with plenty of us “bees” doing our chores of wrapping, packing, taping, and weighing supply orders for the two missionary couples in their remote tribal location! Many days of preparation for this big moment! ‘Do we have everything?’ goes through our thoughts often during this process. Brian would be 13 hours away via his truck so there was no way to get something to him after he left. (There were times when I had forgotten the cash for the tribal men’s “carrier” money (beyond where the truck would go on rugged roads) and oh yes... the time, the lettuce had been left in my fridge after the truck driver has left. Those were both great disappointments to people who are isolated and heartaches that beckoned me to write sad apology notes.)



**Above: Grant, Marianne and Naomi Bayfield's Remote Village in Mindanao, Philippines. They enjoy NTM GH “modern” lodging and favorite meals when they come to town. Below: Grant and Naomi watch a movie at the GH. Believers meet in their village.**



**Michelle & Ron Jennings pack 2 months' supplies in February before they go back to their tribal location.**



**Brian Schaad & Brian Pruett, NTM pilots, take the Jennings to the hangar at 4 am the next day.**



**Ron Jennings shows Rocky Nicalsen the Bible Teaching Scroll that he created. A time of Fellowship and Refreshment at the NTM GH! Boris Bergen plays with his children, Zac and Phil.**



Lance & Laura Ostman on their hike (beyond where the truck would go) to the Higaunon People of Northern Central Mindanao when the pilots left them in February.



Bailey Pruettt & Candy Dalton, the pilots' wives pack the Jennings' and Ostmans' fresh produce for the 4 am morning trip to their village on April 24, 2006.



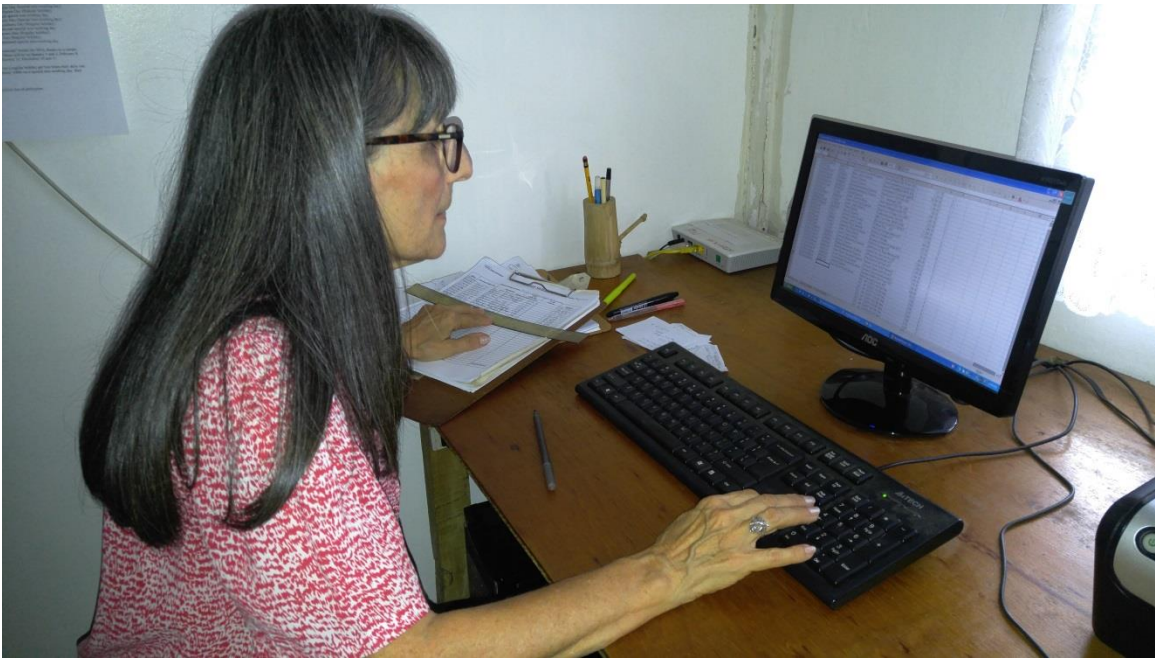
Well, that was the beginning of our week and the end of another supply order. After closing the books for April and starting a new accounting month for May, I went into the office to check emails...relieved and thinking we should have a few low-key days before the next rush.

A little bit later (7 am), it was time to check Emails! And guess what happened? Plans changed!

A new Computer Accounting System Training Seminar in Manila! Wow, what a jolt! **The email said, “due to mandatory training for all NTM regional bookkeepers in the new NTM Accounting System on May 12-13<sup>th</sup>, you will need to travel to Manila.”**

I thought, ‘In order for us to arrive on the 11<sup>th</sup>, we need to leave Malaybalay GH one day before the ferry takes us on the 2 day trip...maybe on May 8th!’

**Becky inputs the necessary data needed before the new accounting system can be installed.**



Already, having ferry tickets to Conference and tickets for annual break in June scheduled for May 31st, they would have to be cancelled and repurchased. Arrangements had to be made to leave the Guest Home and leave it sustainable for 2 months beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> - July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Before we leave, we are now and will be in the midst of paying all the NTM GH bills for several months ahead including the payroll staff and purchasing all necessary items that keeps the Guest House functioning for the next two months.

**So, this letter is all about PRAYER, please!** The above verse (Jeremiah 33:3) is a short verse and probably, overlooked by many; but to me, for many, many years now, when I (Becky) am in a scary, painful, desperate or sad time in my life, it is the first verse that the Lord brings to my heart and lips. And the Lord has always answered with great and mighty miracles, which were unbelievable affirming that I can call on him anytime and He will answer. So I am running to His promise today and bringing it before you. Maybe, it will become one of your favorites, too!

**Well, we are not in a scary or painful situation right now just plain chaotic, busy, and confusing!** Stressful, you might say...not fond of that word! I am sure that you have been there, too, when all those things that you “have to do” by a certain time doesn’t lie neatly in a line across your mind; **but, instead seems like a mixed up salad.** So I thought this morning at 2 am, ‘you must get up, Becky, and write your letter to your family and friends to ask them to intercede on our part.’ So here I am. Been making all kinds of lists and planning all kinds of meetings but on the top of the list, I decided, must be PRAYER! Prayer with those who love us!

Time to catch you up on our schedule that the Lord seems to be orchestrating for us in the next 2 months and mainly to ask you to please keep us in your prayers! **Please PRAY** whenever you think of us in the next few months and we will know you are there right beside us! **No big illnesses or such as that...just a whirlwind of activities that require us to be aware of our surroundings for safety and lots of wisdom/clearance of mind!**

**Just 4 main events that require making my mixed up salad into a palatable pleasant salad!**

- 1. A totally new accounting system seminar and installation!**
- 2. The Philippines Annual Conference!**
- 3. Family Reunion in the Philippines with Stephen's Family!**
- 4. A Golden Wedding Anniversary!**

All within 7 weeks! In the Philippines, just traveling from one of these places to another might take days. We must remember to pack everything. Each event needs to be packed totally separate and totally with a different perspective. Not packing for the Jennings or Ostmans but for everything that is needed for our 4 events!

There are tons of things to think of and to accomplish...already 2 full days of going in heavy crazy traffic to the Electric Company, Smart Internet Company, and Water District (only to find out we have a broken water meter and haven't been billed for 2 months so we need to pay 4-5 months, instead).





'Okay, time to return to NTM GH for more funds!'

Darryl gets money for supply buying, thinking, 'Can't take too much in case I get pickpocketed'.



Throughout the day, many thoughts would run through our minds and many notes scribbled on pieces of paper here and there:

Back on the road and just purchased 42 kilos dog food... 'How do we store it so rats won't get it? Barrels? Or...!'

**Darryl with 42 kilos of Dog Food**



**The Vet gives Mac the vaccinations.**



‘Where do we put extra Room keys when we leave & the extra set in case someone gets locked out?’



‘Who do we give payroll envelopes to (bi-monthly)? We can’t give them 2 months’ salary in one day. At the end of one week, it would be given to their extended families and none left for rice for the rest of the month.’



**Tata & Marlou, Household staff enjoy their new knife from USA. Delfin, Grounds Maintenance Employee**

'Last month 2 microwaves, a water pump and a generator broke! Who gets the Emergency Funds in case of a typhoon or...?'

**Broken microwave**



'Who gets the money to fill up the cars when the missionaries come and go from Conference? They will not be here until June 1 after we leave.'



'Okay, off to get toilet paper, soap, laundry powder, dish soap, etc, for two months...where's Cosco when I need it?'



Two hours later on a back dirt road, heading for the GH...'Oh, I forgot 2 months' supply of the xxl trash bags and the Guard snacks... and **Oh, no!, There was a man traveling to the GH from a 2 day tribal location to get some Epilepsy medicine and I had his money locked in my office while doing what?!?' So please pray that we keep the right perspective during these "crazy" days and still accomplish all before we leave.**

## Our neighbors giving haircuts



A beggar on the street on Palm Sunday

The children say their memory verses at Hillside Baptist.



Also, please pray that we remember to bring all the necessary subordinating documents that we are required to have for the new Accounting system from our office. These include everything we use on a daily basis in “paper” form such as ledgers, receipts or any type of form.

We will be traveling by bus through mountains, then taxi, then 2 day ferry up to Manila on election day, May 9-11, arriving a day before. Please pray for safety as we travel, as this is election month in the Philippines. A time of threats and unrest! A time we would prefer not to travel!

## Army Security Check on Bus... "Why are you going to...?"



Especially on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> (a day ahead of the USA), we will be asking for extra special prayer as these are the days that we need extra alertness, wisdom, guidance, and clearness of mind. Often, doctors tell us, “at your age, you...?” It makes us feel like we are “old”, but now I (Becky) am thinking, ‘I am learning a new accounting system at 68??’ To make things even better, both Darryl and I are required to do this training! At 71 years old? So, as you can see, we would like you to pray for us during the preparation of gathering things together and packing them in a way that no vital information leaks or is stolen during transport, during our training, and when we return to install it in our computer in Malaybalay! Thank-you...Thank-you...Thank-you! Our dependence, faith and hope, is in the Lord. He is our Strength. **And you are the Ones who love us and give us our encouragement so we are counting on you to pray!**

After the Accounting Seminar is completed; partly due to travel time on the ferry, and partly due to no bookings at the Guest House, instead of returning to Malaybalay, we will remain in Manila to help the staff with Conference preparations being held June 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual NTM Philippine Field-wide Conference where all the missionary families who are able attend...several hundred...come. A time of fellowship...meals, swimming, games, ping pong! Some meeting others for the first time! Some renewing friendships! Prayer meetings, Morning Worship Meetings, Skit night, Banquet, Women’s Luncheon...mostly things you all do at retreats in other countries! We all laugh and we all cry! Please pray that we would be a blessing in helping with the preparations in various ways...scheduling, cooking, child care and in whatever is given to us as our responsibilities when we get to Manila.

We are so excited that Stephen, Ginger, Rebekah, Abi, Luke, and Jonathan will be at Conference and we will have a few days before conference and a few days after with them. We have been counting the days as we miss them so very bad. They were able to arrange it so we can share an apartment together at the NTM Manila Guest House so we are hoping to sharpen up on our grandparents' skill again for a short time. Please pray that the Lord will make this time extra special, especially, for our grandchildren with precious memories.



**Stephen Rebekah Abi Luke Jonathan Ginger**

Lastly, but not least, after Conference, NTM leadership have shown much GRACE and has approved that we can celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary on the exact date...July 2...so Becky is asking you to pray for a Romantic Anniversary...just the two of us in the middle of a deserted South Pacific Island but we won't tell you where! Smile!

**Darryl & Becky's 48th Anniversary Filipino meal - 2 years's ago - on a Southern Pacific Island**



Much Love,

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