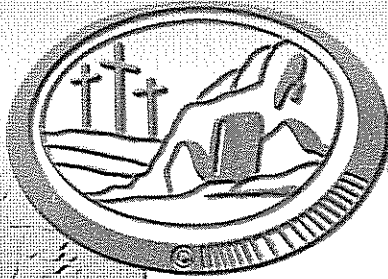


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Dear Pastor and Faithful Friends,

Greetings from the Philippines, all is well here, we're a little tired of rain, rain, rain. The past two weeks we've seen two Typhoons brush us with its tail winds and rain, but praise the Lord the sun was out yesterday and its bright and sunny today, *halleluiah*.

There are some other reasons to be excited about today. But first let me explain! The economy here has taken a downward spiral, just as it has for you. With that some of the companies have worked at cutting their losses by raising their prices on food, fuel, etc. The major increase has been through our Utility Companies. CENECO (Electric) and BACIWA (Water) have passed a 30% rate increase in the past two months and it's now gone into effect. At our warehouse and office the landlord put an additional 20% increase on top of that. Now with the *hot, hot* weather upon us our utilities have doubled. So you're probably thinking, so what are the reasons he excited. Well there's still more to explain!

Our 5 year contract expired just a few days ago in May. We'd talked last year about it and settled on a \$40 per month increase. This was very reasonable, but with the downturn in the economy and our support has taken a hit, well I don't have to tell you how tight it has become. A few months ago I asked some close friends to pray about the contract and the finances. So last week I went back and talked with Mr. Lopue's the owner along with his son Mr. Bong. I was very up front with him about the finances and about the new contract. \*This is why I'm excited!! They decided to lower the rent to \$200 a month until the end of the year. Then I'll go back and report if the finances have gotten any better. *Isn't that just like the Lord!* Now a (7) seven month reprieve for us to raise more support. Pray!

We're still moving forward on the new office space at Bethany Baptist Church in Makati it is ready to move in. We're praying for finances to get desks made, chairs, the normal things that an office would require. Would you pray with us about this?

I just got word that we're out of Prisoner Bible Institute lessons in Manila, so now we're in need for finances to print lessons for the inmates. *The Lord loves us to pray!*

Because of Him,

*The Stikeleathers*

Larry Stikeleather,

Isa. 58:8-12