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Dear Friends and Partners in the Ministry,

Greeting in Christ's wonderful name! I am grateful to God for the opportunity of getting to visit with old time acquaintances and new friends who have opened their homes for me to stay in these past five months. Thank you all for all your prayers and financial gifts making it possible for us to do the work of the Lord in the field.

On March 13 I will head back home. The Philippines has been our home for the last four years, but actually I've been away from my home country since 1978. Earthly home is where my dear wife and children are. We have been married for 24 years now and we have moved 17 times in four different countries. This year will be the 5th country. I am grateful to God for the willingness of my family to do this for the ministry. The Lord has given me the privilege to serve Him with the Things To Come Mission since I was 19 years old—32 years ago.



Gisele (14), Steve (19), Jon (21), Gabriela (10), Mario & Ella

I have been doing some packing and cleaning inside my car which has been my home for more than five months. I have put more than 18,000 miles on the red van. The many long hours by myself were sometimes lonely, but also wonderful times of communion with the Lord in prayer—of course with open eyes. Thank you very much for all your prayers, kindness, generosity and hospitality.

The countdown on our departure to Papua New Guinea is getting closer and we are getting more anxious to see what God has stored for us there. Your prayers we will surely covet as we face new challenges such as learning a new culture, new language and new ministry in a new land. As I look at our monthly income,



Jon preaching in Indonesia

we praise the Lord that the additional monthly gifts we needed have already reached 75%, but for the one time gift we have only 10% on hand. This one-time amount of \$10,000 includes our one way tickets, vehicle and the cost to set up our home base. Our target is that by the end of May we will be able to come up with this amount.



Port Moresby, capital of Papua New Guinea

Please remember Jonathan our oldest son who is graduating from the Bible School in the Philippines by the end of this month. He is currently considering going into the mission field. At first I was thinking that I will try to work on him to go to Papua New Guinea with us, but then some have suggested that we should let him go to another country to develop his own life and be free from the his mom and dad. He is going to be 22 this coming September 15 and I think the releasing time has come. Someone said that, "An arrow can only reach its target if released from the bow."

Again thank you very much for being a faithful partner in the Lord's work.

In Christ,