

**Prayer
Concerns**

Please pray for:

- Legal issues from the accident to be resolved.
- Our family here and at home in the US.
- Our vehicle in the US to sell.
- Volunteer Student Missions Teams who will be coming this summer.

Thank God for:

- Progress in language learning.
- Our new vehicle—an Isuzu Hi-Lander.
- The strengthening of friendships with Filipinos who seem interested in the Gospel.

Never-ending Grace & Mercy - by Wade Allen

We want to thank you for your prayers for us as we have been dealing with many issues regarding my accident in April. God has continually supplied us with His all-sufficient grace

in facing each situation. We are very near to settling with all the victims involved in the accident. God has proven that He is always faithful to see us through these situations, and it

seems that He is opening windows of ministry opportunities as a result.

After the accident occurred, the spouse of the other driver involved was very belligerent, and verbally attacked me in the police station. She knew the possible consequences of this accident, and was fearful that since I was a foreign national I would simply leave the country to escape the problem. I assured her I would not, but that did not defuse the confrontation. Upon the advice of an attorney, I verbally promised to share in the expenses of the victims on a 50-50 basis.

Our New Vehicle

We were blessed this past month to be able to purchase a vehicle for our family—a



1997 model Isuzu Hi-Lander. We purchased it from a long-time friend of Pastor Doyle Moore's. It is always good to know and trust the previous owners. Please pray that we will be able to sell our vehicle in the States, so that we will be able to pay back the money we borrowed for the vehicle. Thank you for your prayers in this situation!

**Special points
of interest:**

- If you are planning to teach children about our mission work here in the Philippines, be sure to look at our web site to find out geographical and historical information on the Philippines. We also have some unique coloring pages that might interest you!
- Grace Baptist Mission of Juban, Sorsogon, is one of five missions that have been started in Sorsogon Province since implementing the Church Planting Model!

Significance of Baptism – by Joanna Allen

We had the opportunity to be with the Grace Baptist Mission of Juban, Sorsogon, for their first anniversary service. After a time of worship and fellowship, the highlight of the day was the baptism of four new believers. The church had asked Wade to be the one to perform the baptisms, so he came prepared with extra clothes and shoes. Little did I know that in order to attend the baptism, we would all need extra clothes and shoes! After crossing a small river for the fourth time, we arrived at a man-made dam. On the other side of the dam, we found a pool of water that we shared with several bathing caribou (water buffalo) and several little boys who were swimming.

The greatest part of the whole experience was to watch it through the eyes of our daughter,

Carly. I expected her to think that crossing the river so many times was the most exciting part. But as we stood on the edge of the water and watched her daddy baptize the first little girl, she turned and looked at me with wide eyes and said, "Cool! We've never done it like this before!"



Looking back on the day, my leather sandals may be a little worse for the wear, but my daughter gained a new perspective on the significance of baptism.

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Our Vision

In seeking God's direction, we believe that He has given us a vision to . . .

- Plant churches among un-reached peoples of the Philippines.
- Equip those churches to plant new churches.
- Encourage them to work together to reach out with the gospel beyond their national boundaries.
- Network together with other BMA fields in Asia to carry the gospel throughout Southeast Asia and the South Pacific..

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Never-ending Grace & Mercy (Cont'd)


Even though I was not at fault in the accident, this was the best way to settle the issue without going to court—not to mention, I felt a tremendous responsibility to help as well. Over the next several weeks, she began to harass my friends who had come to my aid during the accident by calling, showing up at their home and even at their workplace. They eventually found our home and came there threatening us with lawsuits and arrest. All of this was done in an attempt to intimidate or frighten us, so that I would not renege on my promise.

As time passed and I filed all the paperwork involved, I was told that the adjuster was advising the insurance company to not pay the claims for the victims because I was not at fault in the accident. When I heard this, I began the process of settling with the victims personally. We hired an attorney to draw up the necessary papers to insure that this was a settlement and not just a down payment. In the process, we included the other driver's name in all the paperwork so that he would not have to hire an attorney for himself. We also provided transportation and food for them, as well as the victims, on the days that business was conducted. As time passed by, the spouse of the other driver asked my colleague if they could meet with me after this is all over. He said, "Why? Do you want to harass them more?" To which she replied, "No sir! I am ashamed of the way we

We just wanted to say thank you to all of you who have written to us and send us letters and packages! It is a tremendous boost each day to hear from people back home who are remembering to pray for us!

A Note of Thanks

God bless you for your faithfulness!



have acted through this process. I wanted to apologize to the pastor, and ask him to forgive me."

Had it not been for God's grace, I would have never been able to keep my head and control my tongue that day in the police station. Had it not been for God's mercy, I would have never felt compassion for the others involved. Had it not been for God's grace and mercy, my antagonist would have never had a change of heart! Please pray for this family! This is an extremely difficult time for them. Please pray that God will continue to be at work in their hearts and minds.