Greetings in Christ!

My name is Dan Emmons, and my wife and I are missionaries in the southern Philippines. We are working there with Hope For The Nations Philippines, a small ministry striving to bring hope to a poor community in Davao City though community development, feeding programs, church planting and education. In the six years we have been working in this community, called Agdao, we have helped a family-oriented and youth-driven church grow to the point of being self-sustaining, run a few different educational projects, livelihood projects, and Bible studies, and pioneered a feeding program that provides children screened for malnourishment with healthy meals, preschool education, regular checkups, and follow-up house visits.

When I came on staff in 2004 I was the first and only American on staff, and involved in a lot of the different areas of the ministry. Not long after marrying Cathy (a Filipino) in 2006, I started taking on more leadership roles in HFTN Philippines, and as of now I am the IT Manager and Team Hosting Supervisor. As such, I keep the computers and network running, while also handling all of the communications, schedules, and budgeting for short-term outreach teams that visit us, as well as interns – and even better, I get to accompany them on their outreaches. This is an exciting new role for me, as I went on several short-term outreaches myself as a teenager, and that is how I got interested in missions in the first place. Another new role I have recently gained is that of being a father. My wife and I often organize our own projects outside of HFTN Philippines, many of which are targeted within the city, such as handing out meals to street kids and prisoners on Christmas Eve, and also in tribal villages in the mountains working with our friends in other ministries.

Currently, we are on furlough, enjoying the snow in upstate NY and raising additional funds to cover the increased living expenses that parenthood has brought, along with our growing ministry. Looking ahead, it is clear that we are not done yet. Just recently, doors have opened for me to make a reality of my dream to create a study center for high school and college students, most of whom have no access to computers and other resources and must go to expensive internet cafes to research and type up projects. We have seen students struggle and learn very little because of these difficulties, and my skills in technology and experience teaching elementary computers at a Christian school put me in a position to do something about it. But beyond solving the problems they are aware of, my hope for this study center is that it will be a springboard for us to mentor and encourage these struggling young people and share the love of Christ with them. This and other projects are part of our desire to bring the Gospel to young people in the slums of Agdao and lift them up to the calling and dreams that God has given to each of them.

In this time that our vision for accomplishing these things is becoming clearer, I believe as I always have that God also has a plan to provide for our needs, as He is not a Father that would neglect His children. I also believe He will enable me to provide for my own family. We are currently living off of the monthly sponsorship I raised

years ago when I was single, needed little as I lived on our missions base, and the exchange rate was more favorable. Please pray for us as we seek God's answer to our current needs. As of now, our goal is about \$1500 per month, of which we currently have raised less than half. This is still a minimum estimate, and we hope that by God's grace we can exceed it and start building up some savings so we are better prepared for whatever the future will bring, and spend more on our family ministry projects.

Again, prayer is what we need, first and foremost. Not only for finances, but for protection and wisdom to clearly understand the Lord's leading. If God has put it on your heart to help us financially, you will probably be glad to know that all donations are tax deductible and you will receive receipts in the mail, even if you opt to donate online. While we are in America, we also have the ability to meet in person with individuals and churches, and speaking engagements are doable as well (not being the greatest public speaker I would bring a multimedia presentation if possible), up until we return to the Philippines in early May. If you or your family or church isn't in the position to do anything like that, one thing that could really help us is introducing us to others. I have always been a reluctant fundraiser as I value the hard work it takes to make a living, but this being the path God has put me on, one principle I have always kept is to do so on the basis of relationship – not sending letters randomly to strangers. I see the Body of Christ as interconnected in ways that vastly supersede church and denominational lines, and that gives me great confidence.

There are many ways to contact us and find out more about our ministry. My website is http://www.danemmons.com/ and on it I post (almost) weekly updates, as well as newsletters which I write every two months. I can be reached via email at me@danemmons.com, as well as Skype, on which my name is niftlike. While we are in America you can call us on my parents' phone: (585) 367-3188. The address for US donors to send money is:

Partners In Action 7729 E. Greenway Rd. Ste. 500 Scottsdale, AZ 85260 480-882-0800 Re: Daniel Todd Emmons House of Jubilee, Philippines

Donations can also be made online through my web site listed above, and all donations are tax deductible and will be receipted by Hope For The Nations (Partners In Action is just helping as we are not a very large ministry). Thank you for your consideration and prayers, and have a blessed day!

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Daniel Emmons and family