



ROCK^{of} AGES MINISTRIES

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5

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Dear Pastor and Friends,

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Coronavirus infections surged past 1 million in the Philippines on Monday as officials assess whether to extend a monthlong lockdown in the Manila region amid a grim spike in cases or relax it to fight a recession, joblessness and hunger.

The Department of Health reported 8,929 new infections on Monday, bringing the country's total to 1,006,428, including 16,853 deaths. The totals are the second highest in Southeast Asia after Indonesia.

The COVID-19 started shutting down the country of the Philippines in March of 2020. Since then I have kept in touch with our Rock of Ages National missionaries and volunteers on a weekly basis. There is a lockdown of travel into the Philippines, as it is with many countries. I wish that this letter was informing you that were going to be allowed back in soon, but the COVID cases have spiked again as the Associated Press reported and another lockdown went into place this past Monday.

On April 23, I received a message from Bro. Jun Monderin, our Rock of Ages national missionary, that our good friend Pastor Bobby Widwidan had crossed over into heaven due to COVID complications. I met Pastor Bobby many years ago through Pastor Gerry Nable of Bethany Baptist Church in Makati. Pastor Nable and the Rock of Ages have partnered together these past 10 years to reach the inmates in the New Bilibid Prison. We shared an office with Pastor Widwidan on the seventh floor of Dr. Nable's church. Together we preached in New Bilibid Penal Prison in Muntlupa City (part of Manila). The Rock of Ages was scheduled on Wednesday and Bro. Bobby was preaching on Friday, also he headed up the Reformers Unanimous for his church on Friday evenings. He will be missed.

Please pray for Pastor Bobby's family along with his church family. Also, would you pray for healing of my left shoulder, I had total replacement surgery on March 10th. The surgeon said over time I'll be able to regain most of the range of motion. It's been almost two months and I'm to begin Physical Therapy this Friday. I want to be ready to go back into the Philippines when they reopen. I had put off having the surgery for more than a year. Now seemed to be the perfect opportunity for the surgery since I cannot enter the Philippines.

Because of Him,

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Isa.58:8-12

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