

Give
thanks
with a
grateful
heart...

Be thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means you have enough to eat.

Be thankful that your lawn needs mowing and your windows need fixing, because it means you have a home.

Be thankful for a heating bill, because it means you are warm.

Be thankful for laundry, because it means you have clothes to wear.

Be thankful for the space you find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means you can walk.

Be thankful for the lady who sings off-key behind you in church, because it means you can hear.

Be thankful for the taxes you pay, because it means you're employed.

Be thankful for the mess you clean up after a party, because it means you have been surrounded by friends.

Be thankful when people complain about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.

- Taken from Ann
Landers' column
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WOW! Look What God Is Doing!



Autumn is the season of Thanksgiving and at this moment **I'm thankful for a lot of things!**

One of them is the **Martin Burnham Missions Center**. Last week I spent some time with former co-workers from the Philippines and they gave me an update on what is going on there. They call it the MBMC (everything has to be an acronym these days, huh?).

The Martin Burnham Missions Center is a 5-story training center built by Filipino business people in honor of Martin. **Since our ordeal, over 69 new missionaries have been assigned to the Philippines with our organization.** To accommodate the growing number of missionaries, NTM built the 5-story complex in Manila.

The MBMC will be the training and sending-off point for missionaries to reach the unreached in all of Southeast Asia.

I wish I could take you on a virtual tour of the facility but since this is only a piece of paper, I will rely on the description as provided by my former co-workers to the Philippines:

Ground Floor—Two “home-away-from-home” type apartments for long term stays. These will be used by missionaries that come out of their tribal locations for medical reasons, or because peace and order has deteriorated in their village. It will house those staying for a few months working on short term projects (such as building or computer programming).

2nd floor—Guest house host apartment, kid's playroom, a lounge room, and laundry room (with a big bay window into the playroom so moms can keep an eye on the kids as they do laundry).

3rd floor—Two language learning rooms for students learning Tagalog. The students live in the area and come to class at the MBMC.



Martin Burnham Mission Center in Manila

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Give . . .
Because You

Contingency Training . . .

Ten pilot families are in training at New Tribes Mission Aviation in McNeal, Arizona. These guys are well into their advanced pilot and mechanic studies. One new requirement has been added in recent years: that of contingency training at Ft. Sherman Institute. This training helps prepare these couples should they ever find themselves in a hostage situation. How gratifying it was to be able to pay the tuition for 5 pilots to get this specialized training.



The Contingency Training class on a "field trip" to visit the new Kodiak Quest aircraft.

(www.ntm.org/ntmaviation)

The Hard to Reach Places . . .

Jun & Loloy minister on a small island in the Philippines. They are doing great and the indigent people of the island have taken them in and love them. We received this note: "We thank the Burnham Foundation for the funding. It will make a huge difference in getting the work done on our island."

When Martin and I left the Philippines 5 years ago, there were one or two believers on the island. Recent news is that Loloy is teaching 160 believers now. Jun got married a year ago and he and his wife have a little girl.

(The name of this island has been omitted from the story because of the dangers associated with ministry there.)



Loloy



Jun



Jun & Lai



Lai teaching

NTM Training Center . . .

Our June 2006 letter featured the New Tribes Missionary Training Center in Camdenton, MO. One church in Wichita zeroed in on the need for a playground for the children of missionary families in training at the MTC. They decided to fund the entire project and sent a group to build it, too! Thank you MEBC. What a blessing you have been!



My daughter, Mindy, is the one in the tunnel.
I'm poking up just behind her.
Yep. We went along to help!



Happy children happy parents!

If you have building skills and would like to volunteer, the Training Center located in Camdenton, MO is an on-going project. You won't work with nicer folks!

www.ntm.org/train
(click on missionary training) OR
email: eugene_miller@ntm.org

Project Hannah . . .



Consider the plight of many women around the world. According to statistics from Project Hannah:

- ◆ Sixty-six percent of the world's illiterates are women.
- ◆ One million children, mostly girls, become prostitutes every year.
- ◆ Two million women and children are trafficked globally each year.

(www.projecthannah.org)

Through Women of Hope, Project Hannah continues to touch thousands of women worldwide in 30 languages. The cost to produce and air the radio broadcasts averages \$ 15 per minute — truly a “minute of hope” to needy, isolated women trapped in desperate circumstances. In addition to funding program translation and airtime, your financial and prayer support enables Project Hannah to minister to women. Monthly prayer calendars are available in 23 languages. It was with great joy that we were able to purchase 1000 minutes of broadcast time!

*O Lord my
God,
You have
done many
miracles for us.*

*Your plans
for us are
too numerous
to list.*

*If I tried
to recite
all your
wonderful
deeds,
I would
never come
to the end
of them.”*

Ps. 40:5 NLT

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4th floor—Guest rooms (overnight hotel type rooms)

5th floor—Lecture hall/meeting room
These are used for seminars and training. My friends say it is “really nice” with tables and computer outlets in the floor — all set up for teaching sessions. Upcoming seminars include a Language Acquisition Seminar (45 participants), a church planting seminar that will have consultants from other countries in Asia, and a contingency seminar.



Plans for the future of the MBMC?? NTM sees the Philippine Church as a key factor for impacting Asia's unreached ethnic groups with the gospel. They will offer night classes for those from churches in the Metro Manila area to teach them about reaching their own people. Missions courses will be taught to prepare and equip Filipinos and other Asian believers for work on the mission field.



The building itself is completed and partially occupied but the car park, security fences, and other outside necessities need to be finished. There is still more to be done before it is complete but at present, work has stopped because of lack of funds.

The MBMC has been a real source of encouragement for me and my family. When we were in the jungle, Martin and I used to say, “Boy, we have ruined things for NTM here! No one is going to want to come to the Philippines and work.” Isn't it just like the Lord to use what we deemed a tragedy to bring about something that's going to be really useful for His Kingdom?

Recently it was our privilege to be able to give \$ 6,000 from our Foundation funds in support of the Martin Burnham Mission Center!

How can I express my appreciation to each of you who make these various projects a reality through your prayers and the faithful sharing of your resources? **Thank you for following the leading of God's Spirit in your giving. It is humbling to be able to direct such funds toward these ministries that are so dear to my heart.**

We just hope this will keep you informed of what's happening and that you would pray for the ministries that we mention. Everyone can pray!

Love,

Gracia

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