



# The Goodpaster Family

## Missionaries to the Philippines

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

May/June 2009

### *God's Protection . . .*

Thank you so much for faithfully praying for us. Recently God once again showed His merciful kindness to our family. Normally, at the end of each prayer letter, we always ask prayer for traveling mercies; however, for some reason we did not have room for that prayer request at the end of our last letter. We can assure you we will be making room from now on! Very early on a Sunday morning on our way to a meeting in Canada with my wife and daughter fast asleep in our van, I slowly drifted off to sleep at the wheel. This was the first time in two years of deputation that I've ever done this. We were all abruptly awakened when our van veered into a semi-truck beside us! Miraculously, there were no injuries to anyone, and the only vehicular damage was our van mirror got knocked off. The semi just kept going as if the driver didn't even know we had bumped into him. God's people were obviously praying for us that day.

### *God's Provision . . .*

We are once again very thankful that the Lord has added four new supporters to our ministry since our last prayer letter. We are thankful for the First Baptist Church of Creve Coeur, Illinois; the Freedom Baptist Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina; the Victory Baptist Church of Charlotte Hall, Maryland; and for my cousin Rose in Indianapolis, Indiana. I am especially grateful for Victory Baptist Church since I used to ride their buses to Vacation Bible School as a kid. I have two distinct memories about their VBS program. First, the winning team got to throw a pie in the face of the losing team for the week, and second, they always had us sing a song called, "Be a Missionary Every Day." As a kid I never dreamed that one day I would actually be a missionary. Having their church support us is very special.

### *God's Providence . . .*

We are very excited to announce that we are expecting our second child due in February. By that time we should be in the Philippines. We are grateful to the Lord for entrusting us with another precious soul to raise for His honor and glory.

### *Please Pray for...*

Safety on the roads.  
Support to increase.  
Souls to be saved.

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