

As we begin 2015, we would like to share something very important in our lives and ministry. We are halfway through the Faith Academy school year and will complete our 20th year of ministry in the Philippines later this year. When we consider what lies ahead, we think of the word *opportunity*. The etymology of the word *opportunity* harkens back to a mariner period, of big ships with big sails. Imbedded in the word, is the root word *port*. Opportunity then describes the 'favorable winds' needed to literally move the huge sailing vessel homeward into port.

After much thought and prayer it seems as though it may be time for us to make a move back to the United States for the next foreseeable years.

We have talked with our First Love Mission Director, Tom Clinton, and received his blessing to embark on one year of transitional ministry. As you know, we have been involved outside of Faith Academy with Threads of Hope Ministry, which is helping transform Filipino's lives through making and selling woven bracelets. With your continued pledge of support, we would like to approach August 2015-July 2016 as a one-year transition, to expand areas of Threads of Hope's outreach impact within the United States. This will further the in-reach impact in more Filipinos' lives in Mindoro, Philippines. It is our prayer that a Christian School can be opened with an infusion of additional funds and needed personnel. We will seek new streams of contacts for Threads of Hope products to benefit the ministry from US resources.

With confidence from the Lord that we move in this direction, the blessing of First Love International Ministries, and the appreciation of Threads of Hope Ministries, we seek to relocate to the United States and pursue this ministry focus. In order to make this happen, we need **YOU**, and your prayers, and continued support for one more transitional year. You can be part of the 'favorable winds' that help move us homeward into port. Thank you for prayerfully considering continued partnership with us and First Love Ministries through July 2016.

With Eternal Gratitude,
Your Ministry Partners, Don and Kristen MacKay