

HAPPY NEW YEAR . . .

From the woosh of a bottle rocket streaming heavenward, to the squeal of a ear piercing whistle bomb, to a paw paw's sound concussion that you can feel throughout your entire body, there is no doubt that we were sitting on the balancing point between 2010 and 2011. Manila celebrates in a brash and loud way to welcome in the new year.

The overload of cracking thunders and guttural booms caused our toy poodle to become a skittish bundle of nerves, and she often tried to hide under the bed in a safe quiet location. We too try to find solace and quiet during times of life stress. We were blessed to have 3 weeks off over Christmas break and mostly stayed home and spent lots of time playing board games with our boys.

We are ready to start anew for our second semester at Faith Academy. Thanks for your support that enables us to serve Christ here in the Philippines.

Love, *Don and Kristen MacKay*