

# MK Impact

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KRISTEN  
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ACADEMY

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PHILIPPINES

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On June 22, we will bid farewell to the Windy City, along with our family and friends here in the United States



How great is your **goodness**, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you. *-Psalm 31:19*

## This year in the United States has been full of the goodness of the Lord.

- Reconnecting with many of our friends and financial partners; sharing with them our excitement for ministry in the Philippines
- Renewing friendships and discovering new friends as we've lived in Wheaton for the year
- Experiencing the love and support of our church family at First Baptist Church in Wheaton. We are grateful for the welcome and inclusion into the local body that was extended to us and our boys
- Ministering at FBC - Don helped out in the area of nurture and accountability in the small group ministry as a coach to the coaches. Kristen assisted in the 4 & 5's Sunday School class. We both helped lead worship and sang in the worship choir. The boys were involved in youth group and Sunday School. David helped out in the toddler nursery and Austin assisted with AWANA Sparks
- Refreshment in a cooler climate: fresh air, clean sidewalks and beautiful gardens
- Celebrating our 20th anniversary
- Being blessed with the use of a reliable and comfortable vehicle.
- Safety on the road through the 24,000 miles we drove visiting churches, family and friends
- Good health
- Living in the furlough homes in Wheaton
- Our boys experiencing life in the United States; attending public schools, making friends and learning to navigate in the culture here in the States
- Provision for our outgoing expenses through one-time gifts from many of our friends and supporters

Don's sisters have assumed guardianship of their brother, Scott



## We have also faced disappointments and hardships

- Watching the decline and ultimate death of both our our moms. Walking through the difficult days near the end of their lives
- Leaving the U.S. without seeing and visiting with as many people as we had hoped
- Returning to the Philippines with a budget deficit of \$700/month
- Not being able to be as involved in church as we had wanted
- Saying goodbye to friends and family

## We look forward to returning to our life and ministry at Faith Academy

- Don will again be serving in the area of Campus Pastor. He looks forward to reestablishing relationships with both missionary and Filipino staff as he seeks to care for their spiritual needs.
- Kristen will be helping out in second grade, teaching math as well as coaching teachers, assisting in staff development and providing leadership in curricular areas.
- David will return to Faith Academy as an upper-classman. He is excited about being a junior and hopes to again be active in the areas of choral music and drama.
- Austin begins his freshman year of high school at Faith. He is looking forward to swimming, playing soccer and playing percussion once again in the band
- Caleb enters seventh grade. He will continue playing his trombone and is eager to see his classmates and play soccer again.
- We are all excited to see our co-workers and friends back in the Philippines. We return with open hearts, asking God to direct us to hearts who are hurting and needing to experience the love and grace of Christ.

Thank you for your interest in our life and ministry. We have been so blessed this year to see so many of our friends. We return to the Philippines with renewed joy and vision for serving the body of Christ. Thank you for partnering with us!

## Please Pray:

*Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I **pray**.*

*-Psalm 5:2*

### for Don's sisters

Cathy and Cheri have assumed guardianship of their handicapped brother, Scott. Pray for strength for them as they seek to continue to bring him home for weekend visits.

### for Kristen's dad

Pray for Gardner as he mourns the loss of his younger brother who died just weeks after Kristen's mother. Pray for comfort and encouragement as he continues to adjust to life without his wife of 50 years.

### Financial needs

We are confident of God's continued care for our financial needs, even in tough economic times.

### Sale of Don's mom's condo

Pray that her home in Wheaton would sell, despite a sluggish housing market.

### Transition for our family

Pray for our family as we say difficult good byes to our family and friends here in the States and for a smooth reentry into life and ministry in the Philippines and at Faith Academy.

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