



Serving in Manila, Philippines

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Thanksgiving

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Turkey. Mashed Potatoes. Stuffing. Pie.

All things we associate with Thanksgiving. Though my day didn't include these items, it turned out to be just as nice. I went into the week feeling sorry for myself that my entire family would be spending the holidays together and that I would, most likely, be enjoying a bowl of easy mac for dinner on this special day. It was not how I wanted to spend my holiday, but I thought that's how it would end up. Thankfully, God had other plans.

I found out a few days prior to Thanksgiving that a few of my friends were helping out at a local children's home. Taking the kids dinner and spending the evening with them. I immediately told them I wanted to be a part of it. The adorable little guy above was definitely cheating in the game where they were asked to draw a christmas tree with their eyes closed. I was just trying to enforce the rules.

Though I speak little Tagalog and they speak little English, I was so thankful I got to spend my Thanksgiving in a truly meaningful way.

CLARENCE & RACHEL

Back when I was waiting to serve overseas, I was discouraged by one big issue: **TIME**. It took me 3 years of following after what I felt God had called me to before I was sent. I often wondered why. Now I can say I know at least one reason: Clarence.

I met Clarence when I was serving aboard the Doulos. If I hadn't gone when I did, we never would have met. God's timing is perfect! We were good friends for months before God changed both of our hearts. Though he is in Singapore and I am in the Philippines, God has blessed us with the ability to see each other at least every few months in the past year. He even went home with me for my brother's wedding in October.

We are now looking for jobs in the US for Clarence so that we can both move there when my commitment is done at the end of February. It is not an easy task because we have to find a company that is willing to sponsor his work visa. Please join us in prayer about this!



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"Holy, Holy, Holy

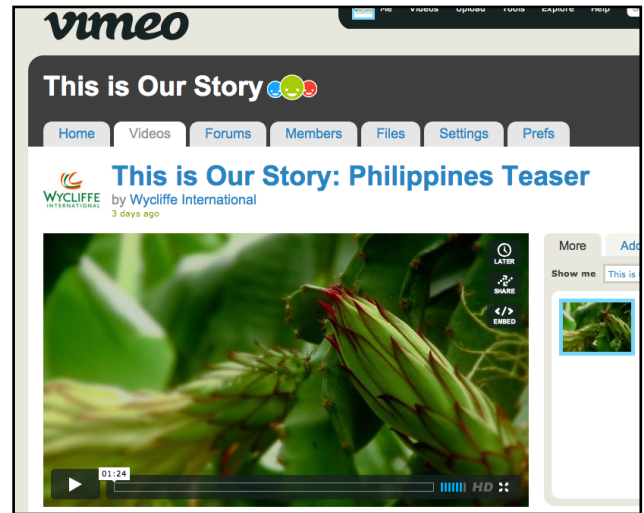
*is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and
is, and is to come"*

Recently, I was re-reading "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. In it he talked about the holiness of God. What does the word 'Holy' mean exactly?

Holy (adj): Set apart

Not only is God set apart from all others, but in biblical times when things were used in three's, (ie. Holy, Holy, Holy) it meant that whatever word being used was completely perfect. God is perfectly set apart and unique from all others. Think about that for a second.

We serve a God who is unlike any other. We cannot comprehend Him or understand Him. He can do no wrong. Where do I get off questioning the way He does things in my life? How can I doubt this perfect, set apart, unique God who has a plan in everything He does? It was a good reminder. God is more than worthy of all my trust. Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.



We are on Vimeo!

If you're not familiar with the site, get to know it. It is similar to YouTube without all the inappropriate videos.

We have finished recording the first story in the video project showing how small churches around the world are creatively getting involved in missions. Though the first story is not up yet, we do have a short "teaser" video about it that is available to view. Simply go to www.vimeo.com and search for Wycliffe International under "people". You'll see the video entitled "This is Our Story: Philippines Teaser" Go. Watch. Let me know what you think!

Praise and Prayer Requests:

Praise:

- Success for our first video shoot
- Great friendships and opportunities to get involved in the community
- A wonderful boyfriend who loves the Lord
- Healthy birth of my nephew, Caiden
- Protection as I travel the busy streets of Manila

Prayer:

- Wisdom as I continue to project manage the video shoots
- I'll remain focused in my last 3 months
- Wisdom on what next steps are
- Strength in my walk with God
- Job for Clarence in the US
- Next video shoot in Slovakia/Thailand

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