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Lance, Leah, Ethan

UPDATE:

Greetings from freezing Missouri. We've had a great start to the New Year and hope that you have too, but the cold takes some getting used to after many years in the tropical Philippines.

My first furlough meetings of the year took place in Phoenix. Had a wonderful time reporting to three of our supporting churches. It was 60 degrees there when I left for home but when I arrived in Springfield it was minus 2!

It's hard to believe our furlough is half over already. In the coming months I'll be in Texas, Montana, back to Arizona again, New Mexico, Colorado and in North Carolina. And I still have dates open if you would like me to report to your church.

We've had some very generous donations of clothes for the Aetas and I've been given two accordions, one small and one larger sized that we'll be able to use in the mountains. I still need to raise about \$10,000 for the projects we have going on in the P.I. Would you consider what you could do to help?

PHILIPPINES:

The Aeta work continues to grow. We sent funds to Pastor James Dequina at the church in Olongapo (FOFBC) to buy food and toys for the children for a Christmas party and to give bags of rice to the families. The Aeta believers then formed a choir and came down for the church's anniversary Sunday and sang Amazing Grace in the service. It is overwhelming to see these people who have so little growing in grace and beginning to see opportunities where they can serve the Lord.

Leah's health is good and Ethan is loving school, especially basketball. The herniated disc in my back has healed, but my left arm still has a fuzzy numbness down to the little finger and thumb, and my shoulder has a rotator cuff injury that is painful. I thought I was tough, but age catches up with us all!

Thanks for your prayers and support and for the many special Christmas offerings. You are a great blessing to us.

Lance Patterson