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UPDATE:

We are over the hump and winding down toward our return to the Philippines this summer. The first half of our furlough started out last July with a herniated disc in my back. The pain went all the way down my left arm and into my hand. It is still not completely well. There is a continual fuzzy feeling from my elbow to my fingers, but my grip has improved and there is no more pain. But now I'm struggling with tendonitis in my left shoulder, which may have been irritated by the accident below. I don't think it's the rotator cuff but by my movement is limited.

The second half of furlough began with a head-on collision in Helena, Montana. A drunk woman with no insurance turned the wrong way onto an exit ramp from the highway and ran right into me.



Fortunately I was stopped and the damage was light, and probably it was good she ran into me. If she had gotten down onto the highway people probably

would have died. The car still ran and I was able to get it home and fixed. Montana is so beautiful, but I decided they can keep the 15 below zero weather they were having the day I left and I'll put up with the heat in the Philippines.

Since January I've been to south Texas, northern Montana, and all the way out to San Diego twice delivering clothes to be shipped for the Aetas. Had wonderful meetings everywhere including five in Phoenix and in LaVeta, Colorado. In the next two months we'll be around Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri, and have another long trip to Raleigh, NC.

PHILIPPINES:

A medical mission team from the States is going to Olongapo to hold a clinic in the Aeta village April 12. We are funding the food for their visit, and Pastor James is organizing the clinic in the village. Pray for an open door to expand the ministry.

Also pray for Violeta. Her husband Mario was one of the first saved when we started the work and one of the most faithful. He passed away last year. She is in her 70's and very ill.

Thanks for your prayers and support. We have almost reached our goal for building and vehicle funds, and we have two accordions!

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