

## Saying Good-bye to the Philippines - June 2017 Newsletter



### Hangtud Sanud Pahon

"Unit the next time I see you, God willing." A phrase continually spoke as I said good-bye this past week to the land and people I have called home. I am so humbled when I think of how God called me to follow Him to this land and people. I have witnessed God's faithfulness in times that seem impossible to go on, He's constant through the times of great joy, and His hand of protection has been there each step of the journey.

My time here in the Philippines would not have been possible without the people who faithfully partnered in ministry with me, whether it was financially or prayerfully, I would not have been here without your support. Through your prayers and support each one of you had a part in the ministry to woman and families in Davao City through Mercy Maternity Center. I sincerely give thanks for you and am so blessed and humbled by everyone's generosity.

### Graduation Celebration

We had a lovely good-bye celebration with good food, games, awards, and some fun dances. The theme of the event was anchored in God's faithfulness. God deserves all the glory for these past few years as He has continually been faithful to us and has never left us alone.

One of my favorite moments from this night was when we all sang in unison 'How Great is Our God' goose bumps ran up and down my arms as we proclaimed together the goodness of our God. The whole Mercy staff is amazing I have learned so much from them all and have been honored to work alongside them.

We honored the staff by giving specific certificates based on their personalities and or character.



I ask for continued prayers as I transition back to the states.

In His love,  
*Emily*



***"Trials are like spices in our life, if we do not cook with spices our food will be bland, so our lives would be bland if we did not have trials" - Ate Nora***

Ate Nora a courageous and beautiful woman of God; she has 9 children, over 20 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. She is a prayer warrior who has continually taught me persistence and faith through the toughest trials.



A little over 10 months ago baby Lesa was born, which changed Kate's life forever. Throughout the past year I continued to follow up with her. As times have been difficult for this young mom, I am proud of her and the steps she continues to make to provide a better life for her and her daughter. I have been so blessed to have to opportunity to mentor and pour into her. We had a tearful good-bye this past week.



### **Future Plans**

***'Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior'  
- Oceans (Hillsong)***

It is difficult to be in a position where you are unsure of what the future hold or where you will be going, but it in that position where trust and faith go deeper as it is placed in God's hands.

My tentative plan as of now is

I will be working with a local midwife for possibly a year to finish and meet schooling requirements. During that time I hope to finish the application process with *Free Methodist World Missions* for possible more long term placement.



The Cada family took Grace and me to the airport. God hand was definitely on our travels as we nearly missed our connecting flight out of the country. After some long flights we have arrived safely in the U.S.

I just arrived in California where I am staying with the Sales family with *Reaching the Hungry* for a couple weeks.

I then will be returning to Washington and look forward to seeing everyone.