

## **2018 In Review to 2019 Projected**

### **From Preparation to Underway; From Wading to Deeper Waters**

Faylene and I began 2018 in the Philippines by finishing a four-month trip that ended in late March. The next three months in Crozet, VA were full of unexpected events as our efforts to move to W. Virginia were stymied and Faylene's mother was in her final months of life on this earth. With trips back and forth from her mother's location, we had to go ahead and book our return to the Philippines because of standing commitments at the Institute of Foundational Learning, Laguna, where we also have our permanent Philippine quarters. The trip in August began with a stop through Missouri as Faylene, with help from friends, held a memorial service for her mother, Bertha Jeffers, who had walked with the Lord for decades. Our two-month stay that followed was busy with meetings and loving or encouraging our dear friends at IFL.

We were in the Philippines six of the twelve months of 2018. It involved getting the high school version of a biblical creation curriculum in pilot schools and a commitment on our part to begin the elementary version. While the overall year was busy, it was a preparation year for the introduction of the biblical creation high school curriculum, which included some initial presentations and training to larger groups of teachers. The ground work was laid for an expansion of the work and training we will give in the coming year.

Our permanent quarters at the IFL home base and compound in Laguna were a frequent stopping spot for children and staff at IFL. Those quarters serve as our writing stations, a place of privacy, and a place of hospitality. We live a few feet from the director (and our friend) Pat Capwell.

Our October return to the US was witness to a further delay in changing our stateside residence from Virginia to West Virginia. We are now fully packed for another trip to the Philippines, our home goods are stored in West Virginia, and the nearly empty Crozet house is ready to be put back on the market in 2019. We know we are going to move our US residence, but we don't know when. It is more important to return to IFL and enter 2019 ready to run than be anxious about the housing situation in the US.

We have been cautioned by the Lord: 'stay on course, and there are deeper waters ahead'. The IFL director and our friend, Pat Capwell, has warned us that the coming year will be very busy as pastors and teachers begin to receive training on biblical creation fundamentals that are so essential as a context for the Gospel. The children who are close to us in PI are waiting for our return. We yearn to be back. The January through March trip is short for us, but we know our time in the US will continue to shrink in proportion to our time in the US for the next several years. If you could see the needs through our eyes and see where and to whom God has opened a door for us to serve, you would understand why we are constrained to move forward.

Our return to the US from March to late June 2019 is short because we will return to the Philippines at the beginning of July. We already have commitments to train over a hundred

teachers for several schools during a four-day seminar in early July on the subject of biblical creation, its importance as the context of the Bible, and the discoveries in both the sciences and history that support the truth of God's Word. The information, which is laid out in the biblical creation curriculum, is in direct contrast to the dominant view that everything happened by itself without direction (naturalism and evolution). Other events and activities will follow this seminar. We are not likely to return to the US until sometime in 2020.

2019 will be the year the biblical creation curriculum is published and begins to reach the 200+ IFL schools. We will be writing the elementary version while the training and orientation to the high school edition is underway. We expect to be in several locations in the Philippines and perhaps begin a couple of trips to other Asian countries as well. Meanwhile, our love for the children and staff at IFL continues to grow. We shall be busy on both personal and public levels.

We are resting in the strength of His direction, enjoying the covenant of marriage, and expecting much fruit as the waters get deeper. We will keep posting on the ministry site ([www.cwm4him.org](http://www.cwm4him.org)) and stay in touch with family and friends in the US. We are reachable via the site as well as our personal emails or Facebook. If you have a heart to pray for us, we would welcome that. There are hundreds of decisions and our testimonies that affect others with the message of the Gospel. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

The last year's financial statement is posted on the CHRISTWORKS site under REPORTS. We will enter 2019 with our next trip (January – March) covered. Thank you for prayers and support that helped make that possible. We are using personal funds to apply for residency in the Philippines this coming year. If our previous estimates continue to hold, we have a decade of work to do in the Philippines and Asia, so a residency in PI will help lower some costs and make it easier to stay in the Philippines for longer periods.

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