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Dear Ministry Partners,

I trust you will be encouraged as you get a chance to browse through the attached newsletter of The JESUS Film Project®. It highlights how God's Word is touching lives in **Ukraine, Russia** and **Romania** through the *JESUS* film. There are also some prayer requests on page 5.

I would also appreciate your prayers for my trip to the Philippines, Singapore and Indonesia the first two weeks of June. I will be meeting with leaders of the Purpose Driven Church networks to assess ministry effectiveness and help plan next steps especially as I transition out of my leadership role there by the end of the year.

One interesting trivia of this trip is trying to meet with **Filipino world boxing champion Manny Pacquiao**. Arguably the best boxer in the world who has won titles in six different weight divisions, Manny is known to be God-fearing as gleaned from numerous interviews he has done as a now- extremely popular celebrity especially in the Philippines.

When asked what dreams he had left to fulfill aside from helping his fellow man, he said that his one remaining goal would be to leave this earth with his heart not distanced from the God that he loves. He also talked about how Rick Warren's The Purpose Driven Life book has helped him tremendously in preparing for his fights.

Pastor Rick has personally autographed a special edition of the book that I hope to personally give Manny with Rick's personal greetings. I also plan to give him a copy of the *JESUS* film.

Another special treat on this trip is being with our second daughter (Stephanie) in Manila for a few days as she passes through there on her way home from a **month-long**

mission trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand with Pepperdine University students. From her blogs, she is not the same person after incredible experiences ministering to Burmese refugees near the Thailand-Myanmar border.

With worship being one of her strong passions, she wrote about how she had experienced such a powerful connection with other peoples even though they speak a different language when she led 200 children and blind men in worship at one of the camps. Thanks again for those of you who helped support her in prayer and/or finances. We're so glad she got to join this trip.

With June around the corner, we pray that your family have a blessed and enjoyable summer. We continue to appreciate and pray for you.

Blessings,

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