

# QUINAS' UPDATE- Thanksgiving 08

Dear Ministry Partners,

"We want to move back to the Philippines because we're afraid of what the economic and political future of the United States holds," shared our retired Filipino friends expressing some deep concern over the greatest nation on earth.

There is truly so much uncertainty these days and watching the news daily does not help ease it up. It is not easy not to be caught up in it as I can testify to my own feelings of concern, especially since missionary support depends on individuals many of whom have lost jobs or significant investment values. I find Jesus' words in Matthew 6 very, very timely...

***"If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body... If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers- most of which are never seen- don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied about getting, so you can respond to God's giving. People who don't know God and how he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes."*** (Verses 25, 30-34, The Message)

How re-assuring to be reminded of such loving heart of our Lord! And that there is really "much more to life than the food I put in my stomach"... such as other realities like this encouraging one that we won't find in the evening news:

*More people are placing their faith in Christ than at any time in history. Those resistant to the gospel, e.g. Muslims, are responding as never before. In fact 60 percent of the Muslims who accept Christ have seen visions of Jesus. For instance they see Him walking in the clouds so when they see the JESUS film, feel like they already know Him. As a result, they place their faith in Him. Apparently God is showing Vast groups of people visions to prepare them to receive His Son!*

This is indeed not a time to fear but to trust.... to actually see our time as one of incredible opportunity.

If Arlene and I can be praying for and with you for specific challenges you may be currently facing, we would love to get an email or phone call from you.

Under His Wings,  
Art & Arlene