**Marlin and Rose Jones Mission**

We are busy packing as we are planning to move to Aparri on the northern island, Luzon. We moved part of our household belongings in January. It was a 76 hour trip by land and two ferries for Marlin and a couple other friends he took with him to help drive there. We will make one last trip in March and then we will be flying home to the USA for a visit and April's wedding. We will be in the states from April 2 to August 15.

We definitely want to share with our church what we have done over the past two years. God has been amazing! Prayers are always appreciated for health and safety with travel. Also, prayers for our friend, Jessa, that has blood cancer of undetermined type due to not being able to afford treatment and the system. We are continuing to try to help her as best we can. It is so sad to watch when finances and the system keep you from getting the treatment you need. She is currently in the hospital needing blood transfusions, but you have to have a donor of blood before they will give the blood to her. Please pray for her for provision as she is a beautiful child of God.

We really appreciate all the church has done for us and is doing!

See you soon!

God Bless all of you!

Love in Christ,

Rose and Marlin Jones

**Update on our good friend (3/12/2018)**

Dear friends of First Presbyterian,

I am writing with a heavy heart as we have shared with the church regarding our friend, Jessa that had a type of blood cancer, is in the hospital and not doing well. She was originally told she had some type of blood cancer but needed bone marrow aspiration in order to determine the type. This was in early September. She had a bone marrow aspiration done the end of September at a public hospital, but the Dr. was out of town until mid November so she chose to try to get social service assistance at a private hospital. She was finally able to get some assistance this February. However, in the mean time, Jessa's health deteriorated and she has had to have over 11 units of blood and platelets as well through this time period just to try to sustain her. She is unable to walk on her own. Just today (3/12/2018) after repeated bone marrow aspiration, she was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. She is 22 years old, father is deceased, and just in September reunited with her mother who estranged her since she was very young (lived with other aunts of her mom growing up). The doctors are still trying to determine the best route of treatment for her.

Our request is that everyone lift her and the doctors up in prayer and that she receives a miracle! If it is on anyone's heart to give financially, it would be greatly appreciated. Here in the Philippines if you don't pay, you can't get treatment. Even with some social service assistance, bills are becoming astronomical! Once in the hospital if you can't pay they won't release you and bill keeps going up. Please pray that God directs her decisions on how to proceed with treatment and give her the strength and provision to go through whatever the doctors recommend.

Sorry for the lengthy request! Thank you for your time and consideration! She is a beautiful child of God's.

Thank you so much for your prayers!

God bless all of you!

Love in Christ,

Rose and Marlin Jones