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We Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem! Psalm 122:6

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JANUARY 25, 1958!!!

Roger & Naomi Walkwitz arrive in Manila, Philippines to begin their lifetime Bible teaching career! To date, it has extended to 50yrs and still going strong, by the grace of God! Listen in to Naomi's Diary:

“Thurs Dec 19, 1957. We left Wheaton at 10am for Chicago airport (Naomi is 4mos pregnant. We flew on a DC-6 propeller plane, her first flight.) Stayed overnight in LA with friends. Flew to Hawaii the next morning. I've enjoyed the flight so much from the very start! We stayed at the Edgewater Hotel in Waikiki – on the ocean and it was just gorgeous! //Sat Dec 21. For supper we went to a Japanese restaurant and for \$1.45 we ate all we could of all different kinds of food! //Mon Dec 23. A friend took us to the airport. We left at 10:45pm for Tokyo. There were very few on the plane, so we took several seats and stretched out (Boeing Stratocruiser, 4 engine propeller. No jets yet.) We arrived at Wake Island before dawn for refueling, and arrived at Tokyo about noon on Wed Dec 25. Jack & Alice Fitzwilliam and family met us. We had dinner. Got to their darling little home about 4pm. We went to bed early as we had been up a long time. //Thu Dec 26. Fitz's had Christmas dinner for us and about a dozen more missionaries. //Fri Dec 27. Six of us went to Hakoni for the night. It took about 4 hrs to get there, over terrible narrow roads (driving on the left side). Supper consisted of sukiaki – ugh is all I can say! The men played billiards, Rog won. All but me took an ofero. Rog looked like a pickled beet! //Tue Jan 31. Today we went into Tokyo to shop and see the big city. We took the train again – they really pack the people in! Rog got me a beautiful pearl ring, a Mikimoto solitaire for \$15. I love him so – he's so sweet. We stayed up till midnight to see in 1958! Then, sleep!! //Fri Jan 17. Had a big Japanese dinner, then went to the airport. Plane delayed until 1am! Took 9 hrs to get to Hong Kong. (We stayed one week in HK to see various missions and sightseeing.) //Sat Jan 25. The plane to Manila took 2 1/2hrs. We got off and to our amazement there wasn't anyone there to meet us! (The Terminal building was a Quonset hut.) We tried phoning but gave up and took a cab (had the foresight to bargain a price first! Cost 8 pesos or \$4). Took over an hour to get there (mission hdq). Everyone was surprised and shocked to see us here!” (Two letters had not been picked up at the PO. However, we were welcomed with many meals and fellowships while staying at the guest house.)

So we began our overseas ministry! It has been very productive. We have really enjoyed it! And we are very thankful, and grateful, to the LORD for calling us to serve Him in this way. We did not choose it as a way of earning, as a job, but responded to His clear Call, to launch into the unknown, to carefully teach His Word regardless of circumstances. He has been faithful in His part, meeting our needs for wisdom, understanding, health, expenses, etc. Our part has been to Trust and Follow Him! Some have not always agreed with His leading, but over time, the evidence has confirmed that the LORD knows what He is doing in and through us, His servants. Retirement is when He calls us Home to be with Him forever.

We just returned from a productive 6 weeks in the Philippines, which included the APMF Yeshiva #2 (grad school, on Christology) and the 6th Annual APMF Bible Conference (What's So New About the New Testament? and contrasting Greek thinking [Western civilization and Christianity] with Hebrew thinking [the Bible!]), both in Manila this time, both very helpful. Tim Hegg was the teacher. www.torahresource.com

March 12 we leave again to teach Yeshiva #3, together with Forest & Iva Swineford, with their scale model of **THE TABERNACLE** in a suitcase, 3 days each, in 4 cities in the Philippines and in Tokyo. We will teach **EXODUS, the Establishing of the Nation of Israel: Its Redemption, Its Way of Life, and Its Worship of God**, in The Tabernacle that He designed and had built for His dwelling with His people on earth.

The Tabernacle is God's Picture Book of Salvation, which has always been by His Grace through our Faith response, resulting in a Life lived according to His Torah, His Teachings. All Saints from the beginning have been born-from-Above, indwelt by His Spirit and guided by His Spirit. Eph 2:8-10 & Heb 11.

With our love, prayers and deep appreciation,
Roger & Naomi