Special Project for Mike and Verna Walrod

The Missions committee, Elders, and Pastor want to share this special project for Mike and Verna Walrod. Since this has come up so quickly, we won’t be able to put this through the ‘church books’ right away. If the Lord leads you to give, we ask that you give **directly to Evangelical Christian Trust** rather than giving through the church (**Please see Mike Walrod directly**).

**Project:**

Most of you know that Mike and Verna Walrod have been serving the Lord in the Philippines for many years. As a result of their ministry Mike and Verna have been supporting 20 pastors that they have trained and placed in different church plants. To make a long story short there is a need for Mike to go back to the Philippines to assist in **reinforcing the ministry** in a way that only Mike and Verna understand.

The purposes of the trip are:

1. To assist and encourage the 20 pastoral staff in remote communities in the far north of the country, and see if any of them have critical personal needs at this time. (Many of them were hit very hard by typhoons in the fall and had severe damage to their crops.)
2. To monitor the 5 college students Mike and Verna were assisting, and provide for current needs (textbooks, medical, etc.)
3. To take care of the business arrangements; clarify duties of our business manager; set up better reporting; open another bank account.
4. If time permits, attend the conference of the Linguistic Society of the Philippines in Manila, early March, to represent CanIL, and SIL work among the minority peoples of the Philippines.

Mike was praying for direction prior to the service last Sunday. It just so happened that the Walrods were the partners of the week and Josh prayed for them that morning. Gary Vos (Chairman of the Missions Committee had a discussion with Mike after the service at which time Mike shared his challenges.)

The biggest challenge currently is **FINANCIAL**.

The budget for the whole trip will be substantial.  One known cost will be for travel and lodging.  In round numbers, it will cost about $3000 for the airline ticket, and about $1000 for in country travel and lodging. We ask for prayer that these and other travel costs will be provided, Lord willing.

* The response from the Missions Committee was unanimous. We agreed to propose this as a **Church project to raise support** for the Walrod ministry.
* There is a donor that has guaranteed his airfare and lodging costs so that he can book his tickets as he is leaving in 3 weeks.
* This project will allow people to **contribute towards all expenses** that would make this a successful trip.

Contributions needing a receipts should be made out to: Evangelical Christian Trust.

Gratefully, Mike & Verna Walrod