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To All,

I believe that most of you know that I will be leaving for Toledo City (Cebu, Philippines) on Saturday, May 24 for what I hope will be my last "due diligence" visit before "officially" embarking on the Lingap Center Project that I have talked to each of you about. This will be quite a busy visit for me, as I intend to meet with the head of World Vision (Philippines) in Manila, before going on to Cebu, where I will be meeting with Mayor Arlene Zambo. Additionally, I will be meeting with the Toledo City Council, the City Engineer, the Superintendent of Schools, Milagros Espera (head of the Dept. of Social Welfare and Development [DSWD]) the parish priest and as many others as I can. Based on the outcome of these visits, I should be able to move forward and hopefully turn the Lingap Center into a viable and active project.

I just wanted all of you to know my status and to again say thank you to all of you for your words of encouragement and support. Without you, and the assistance you provided, I think I would have given up long ago!!

I believe that it was my friend Michael Naylor, who told me - "friends such as all of you, are not brought together merely by coincidence or accident". I think he is right. There is guidance coming from elsewhere - bringing all of you "kindred spirits" together. For this I am very grateful.

I will let you know what I learn when I return. I will be back on June 4. In the meantime - wish me well!!

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