

Movie worth seeing: **SILENCE** tells the story of two Jesuit missionaries in the 17<sup>th</sup> century who face the ultimate test of faith when they travel to Japan in search of their mentor, who is alleged to have committed apostasy under torture. What would Jesus do? Apostasy is only formality?

**"Take me instead! Take me!"** - Father Garupe

**"I pray but I am lost. Am I just praying to silence?"** - Father Rodrigues

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Dear Friends,

I waited at the airline counter for more than 45 minutes while praying desperately before the airline official finally checked me in because my passport is expiring in less than a month. After a week's time to recuperate from jetlag, the first thing is getting my passport renewed. Thank you for asking about my parents' situation; my mom is more stable with the live-in helper and my dad's dialysis treatment is working well with the new fistula and he has agreed to replace his lost hearing aid. It is important for my parents to engage in some social activities since they are pretty much house bound. I took my dad to a church that serves as one of the offices for energy assistance when I was in Chicago. I was attracted by their sign of attendance and offering; it took me awhile to realize despite the physical size of that building, this church body is quite small! I wonder that attendance of one was referring to just the pastor or just the congregation? **If we open our eyes to see, the need for missions is not just overseas!**

I am not sure becoming a great aunt caused me to feel older, but I do enjoy playing with little Naomi. I also enjoy quality time with friends over food and coffee and I've tasted the most delicious soufflé pancake for the first time! I was encouraged to make popovers by a friend and it turned out surprisingly well! Baking has become my therapy besides writing; by the way, I was encouraged by the responses from my sharing during furlough as well as the conversations with people in heaven posted on my blog. Do take a look and see if you can gain some insight like I have while writing them: [www.earth2paradise.wordpress.com](http://www.earth2paradise.wordpress.com)

Thanks to a team of dedicated editor and writers, I am happy to tell you that the book on missionary care is scheduled to be published very soon! The tentative title is: *On This Road, Will You Walk With Me? -A Journey Of Missionary Care.* May the Lord use this book to encourage more people to get involved in missions no matter if one is going as a missionary or caring for missionaries. CCM's project of the DVD and booklet on missions training is scheduled to have a pilot session done by October this year. **Please pray for the CCM coworkers in Singapore and Malaysia responsible for the production of it.**

Good Friday marks the crucifixion of Jesus and Easter Sunday celebrates His resurrection. This period of time signifies from death to life, from darkness to light, from despair to triumph, and from separation to unity. It took Jesus three days for this transformation to take place; I am not sure how long will it take for those who are still wandering in the night before dawn finally comes?

May we experience the hope of Jesus living in us!

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