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Dear Navs,

Praying that everything's going fine with you all. Fine, I understand, does not mean the same to everyone of us. "Everything's fine with us" just means God is always with us. In the past few weeks, my life's not been running very smoothly. I realized that most of us are in the same boat. However, we are all used to ministering and so we just try to go on doing what we are "called" to do - to minister. I had a taste of being ministered to (i have not tasted it for quite sometime) by colleagues, by the people i am ministering and the people i used to minister to. It feels good to be pampered by God (even through the students i am helping!).

It is my prayer that in times of difficulties, we will feel the hands of God ministering to us - through circumstances, through people around us. This is another area where the promise of Jesus in Matthew 28:20 is true ("..... I will be with you always to the very end of the age.") May we not just think, but also really feel the presence of God in our times of difficulties.

And speaking of difficulties, our missionaries bound to some Asian countries are having a hard time raising their funds. God will surely provide for them. Does God want to use us? As has been our unwritten policy to help new staff financially, let us extend our partnership with them by supporting them financially. in what he can not Jim Elliot once said, "He is no fool who gives what he can not keep to gain what he can not lose."

May in all areas of our lives and ministries, we will be able to extend our "arms" of partnership. So, please feel free to share your troubles. May not be in the whole e-group/s but to people you are comfortable sharing troubles with and along with it, may we also extend sympathy/empathy and not condemnation. May our Navs community become a real safe place for all of us.

For the NLT,

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