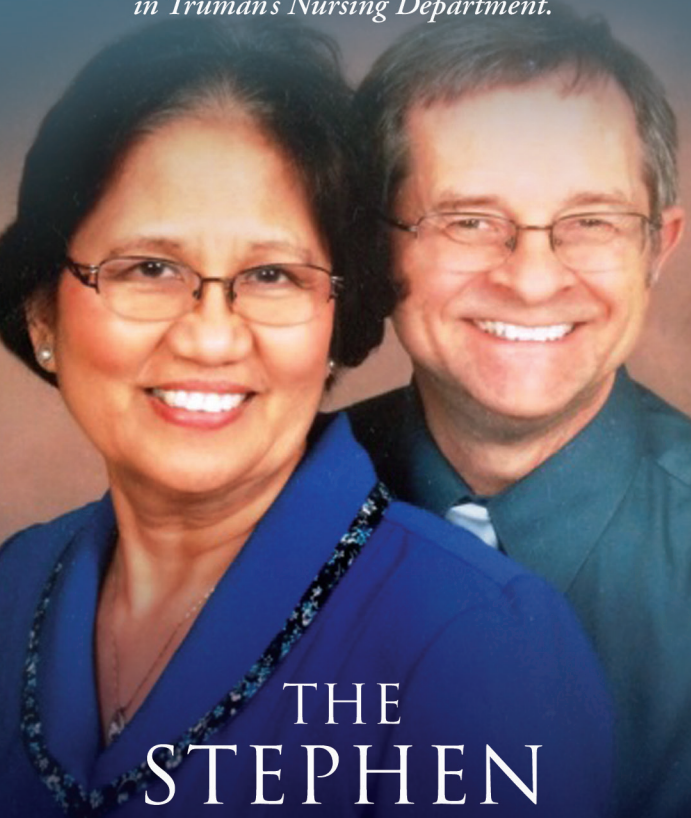


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# THE STEPHEN AND MARIQUIT HADWIGER STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

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“Kit” Hadwiger *have made  
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Members of the faculty since 1993  
and 1994 respectively, a part of their  
legacy at Truman will always be the  
Transcultural Nursing Experience  
in the Philippines. In 1996, Kit  
developed a three-week cultural  
immersion study abroad trip for  
senior nursing student to her native  
country. Since then, the Hadwigers  
have facilitated 18 trips to the  
Philippines with 185 students.*

# The Transcultural Nursing Experience course begins before the students travel to the Philippines with pre-trip orientation classes that cover Filipino culture, communicable disease and issues related to study abroad, such as culture shock, personal safety and health care.

The first week of clinical experiences in Manila occurs in Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center, a flagship government hospital. JRMMC provides a variety of health care to Filipinos regardless of their ability to pay. Students get exposure to Filipino health care in an urban government hospital and have the chance to deliver nursing care to patients in the labor and delivery unit, nursery, neonatal ICU, outpatient surgery, emergency department, burn unit or operating room. During the next two weeks, students enroll in a government university internship at West Visayas State University in Iloilo City. The university nursing program plans many clinical



experiences such as medical-surgical, pediatrics, a social hygiene clinic for commercial sex workers, a rural barangay (neighborhood) and a leprosarium. The experience in Iloilo City allows students to encounter less urban life and more island experiences, including exposure to diseases characteristic of the tropical environment. Cultural experiences include interpersonal interactions with Filipino patients, nurses and physicians during the arranged clinical sessions. During the two weeks in Iloilo City, each nursing student is paired with a Filipino nursing student.

## STUDENT REFLECTIONS FROM THE TRANSCULTURAL NURSING EXPERIENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES

*“I have come to appreciate all that I take for granted at home as far as technology goes, and I have learned a great deal, including new skills that I would not have learned in the U.S.”*

## STUDENT REFLECTIONS

*“America is the land of freedom and opportunity. I can now begin to see what it is that America has to offer. I’ve taken so much for granted, and I can now understand what a wonderful life America can offer someone in a developing country. But I also see the full and rich lives these people live – with simplicity. America is stressful. I never realized just how much until now. Even though the material possessions are few [in the Philippines], they live their lives to the fullest and enjoy each moment.”*

THE STEPHEN AND MARIQUIT HADWIGER STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP is an endowed scholarship fund that will provide financial assistance to support experiences like the Transcultural Nursing Experience in the Philippines. With your help, the fund will create a permanent source of funding and will enhance the Truman experience of Truman Nursing students for years to come. Your donation is a memorable tribute to the careers of Stephen and Kit Hadwiger that will provide study abroad/professional immersion experience for future students.