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I have not ceased giving thanks concerning you, making mention of you in my prayers, in order that the God of our Lord Y'shua Messiah, the Father of glory, would have given you a spirit of wisdom and revelation for your knowledge of Him, that the eyes of your heart have been enlightened for you to have known what is the hope of His inheritance, the riches of His glory, of His inheritance for the saints, (Ephesians 1:16-18 ONMB)

Dear friends and partners,

Here we are in a New Year. This is the year the Lord has made so we will rejoice and be glad in it! Things may not always be wonderful around us but for every believer in Christ the most important thing He is doing is what He is doing inside of you. Since last fall I have been sensing that the Lord has been turning up the light in the body of Christ. I picture a light dimmer switch and I see the Lord turning up the light inside us, His body. This is not just for this year but a trend from now on. We know that Jesus is preparing a bride that will be without spot or wrinkle; one who shines with His glory.

If you have been a believer for a long time you can look back and see how your revelation or understanding of God and the scriptures has been enlightened through the years. I grew up in the church, when I look back at my growing up years it seems like my understanding then was the dark ages. However, because Jesus is increasing revelation and our understanding, now even five years ago seems like the dark ages compared to what I understand now. Because, I know Him more now.

Jesus is the light inside every person. *In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. (John 1:4 NKJV)* We are in a time of increasing desire to know God, this is true for believers and for pre-believers. It is harvest time and that also will increase in intensity. Thank you partners for helping us do our part in the harvest.

Another trend I see the Lord increasing is unity in the body of Christ. The Lord is setting up divine connections with people and even with organizations as we realize we can accomplish so much more by working together. Competition in the body of Christ is fading away as Jesus turns up His light, His love in us. We have made many connections in The Philippines that I know were setup by God. I am expecting more, in The Philippines and from around the world in the future. We need each other.

In this newsletter I want to update you about the Transformation Center. Many of you may be wondering about our progress. I estimate that about 40% of the building is usable or nearly usable with some minor improvements. To be honest, we have not had the funds to do much construction in the last year. We are thankful that we have been able to maintain the ministry. We always try to do the best we can with what we have.

An interesting thing happened on New Year's Eve, December 31, 2015. It was just before sunset and someone noticed a rainbow over the Transformation Center. I came and looked and then went to get my camera. I was able to get a picture but by the time I got the camera out there it was fading. We did not have any rain that day and the sky had few clouds, it seemed unusual. It was actually a double rainbow you can see a faint trace of what was left of the second one above the first. The picture is below....



I really felt that the rainbow was a sign from God that He has not forgotten the promise of seeing the Transformation Center completed and being used for His glory. It was also a sign of hope for the New Year since it came in the last hour of daylight of 2015.



We have installed doors and windows in section 4 of the Transformation Center. Three rooms are now completed on the second floor. On the first floor we have installed windows in the kitchen but we still need to install two doors. We also need some metal shelves in the kitchen. We try to use termite proof materials as much as possible. We have an ongoing battle with termites. The electrical is mostly completed in section 4. However, we are dealing with some plumbing problems.

Left, section 4 of the Transformation Center

On the right is a picture of Joshua ministering to a kid we know on the street, (the picture has been distorted to protect identity). The boy actually has a family; I think they are homeless. It is not clear how often he actually sees his parents. We have not met his mother or father but we did talk with an older sister before. They collect recycle items, like bottles and plastic, to sale and that is how they survive. We always feed the kids and pray with them, they have a reverence for God. It will be interesting to meet them in heaven and know their whole story. As a partner, you will also meet all the people we have impacted, you are part of their testimony.



Suzzhette, pictured on the left, has been working hard on her Social Workers degree. We are hoping she will graduate in July of this year. She has been diligent in her pursuit and has gained a lot of knowledge and experience. Part of the training requires her to work in different types of facilities. She worked in a government children's home that receives young children, infants up to five years old. It was rewarding but also sad to see so many little ones longing for a parent. Currently, she is working in a public hospital in a nearby city. Her job there, is to connect the poor with the services they need, both government and charities. She has learned a lot there also and developed many contacts. Next, she will work in a government community service facility.

Having a social worker is one of the first requirements to set up a residential care facility. I am familiar with the rules and regulations of running a children's home because I am on the board of another ministry here in The Philippines that has a residential care facility for kids from dysfunctional families. The financial cost of providing a residential home is great. However, if we walk step by step with the Lord, He will provide.

As always, we are so thankful to the Lord for you who support SGM through prayer and giving. You are a vital part of what we are able to do in The Philippines and around the world through the internet.

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