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"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' (Matthew 25:37-40 NKJV)

Dear friends and partners:

I want to thank all of you who help us do what we do. The last few months have been challenging but we are seeing the Lord meet our needs just at the right time it seems. That means that you who have been giving have been hearing from the Lord and responding to His voice. Thank You. I believe that the Lord has chosen you to be a part of this ministry because He wants to bless you and He wants to multiply the fruit in your heavenly treasure. Things that we are not able to do we must assume He has a better plan. As you read the testimonies below know that it is because of your giving that we have been able to do these things. When you consider fruit per dollar I believe that Seek God Ministries is a great heavenly investment and I feel very privileged to be a part and I want you to realize the same.

One of my favorite things to do in The Philippines is to be able to help the *least of these*, which Jesus spoke about in Matthew chapter 25. It really seems that the least of these have the attention of heaven on them and you can really feel God's compassion for them. There is an instant blessing of joy that comes when you stop to bless them, and it is a great privilege to help them.



Last Saturday we had a wonderful Kingdom Celebration, the Lord had given me a good message. I noticed a boy was there who we have not seen for awhile. After the service I went to talk to him and see how he has been. He was sitting by himself. We have known him for years; he is one of our Kingdom Kids. But he does not attend regularly because it is a long walk for him, I think about two miles. He can not see very well. He may be scared to come by himself because he has to cross a busy highway and he may be worried that he might not see a car and get hit. I will call him Gerald, not his real name. It is interesting that the Lord had put Gerald on my heart a few days before this and I was asking people about him. At the same time the Lord put it in Gerald's heart to come to Kingdom Celebration on Saturday. He wanted to talk to us because he does not have a place to live. He has stayed with us for short periods of time in the past.

Gerald, he has to look from an angle to try and focus his eyes

When Gerald was five years old he was playing with a toy car, making a car noise and pushing it along a wooden bench at his house. His dad was drinking and for some reason became angry. Without warning he violently slammed Gerald's head down on to the wooden bench. It was with such force that it caused a kind of brain damage that affected Gerald's eyesight from that time on, he is now 16. I was able to find the condition that Gerald has on the internet. Usually it is caused by an accident like an automobile accident. We have taken him to an eye doctor before. He could only see the largest letter on the eye chart, a giant E. The doctor says that his sight will get worse until he is really blind. The way it is now he can see somewhat and with great effort. However, he can not read, watch tv, use a computer, and many other things. His eyes move rapidly back and forth with a horizontal motion like a nervous twitch which is not obvious to most people but it is a constant struggle for him.

Gerald's dad was an alcoholic and Gerald has suffered a lot of physical and verbal abuse. When Gerald's dad began to experience organ failure he finally quit drinking; he also had TB. Gerald would request prayer at Kingdom Celebration for his dad to be healed of TB because it was scary when he would be coughing up blood. Gerald's dad died about three years ago, the good thing is he accepted Jesus before he died and he also repented for the pain he had caused the family. The last two years of the father's life were spent in poor health but it was probably the best time for Gerald and his relationship with his father because he was not drinking.

On Saturday Gerald explained that he did not have a place to live because he has an older brother who is now drinking and he also becomes very violent when he drinks and hits Gerald with his fist. Gerald decided to stay away from him because he can't fight back. Gerald has been staying with friends and trying to survive in a very poor neighborhood. Gerald's mother works as a house maid and she lives at the place where she works only getting one day off per week to come home. Also Gerald's mother only makes \$100 per month, even in The Philippines that does not go very far.

Listening to Gerald caused my heart to really go out to him and also because I know him. I have always considered him to be one of the least of these. When I was giving the message at KC on Saturday I asked the people a question. I asked "how many of you have learned to go to the Lord and receive comfort from Him when things are not going well and it seems the world is against you?" I saw that Gerald was one of the first to raise his hand. I was also happy to see that most of the kids, youth, and adults also raised their hands.

The message was about in the same way that we know how to go to the Lord for comfort in difficult times we must learn to go to the Lord to receive our joy and pleasure. *Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart, (Psalms 37:4 NKJV)*. I believe that as we learn to delight our selves in the Lord, and He becomes our source of joy and pleasure then He will become our desire. With God's help we can then replace any unhealthy desires with His presence. *You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore, (Psalms 16:11 NKJV)*.

We told Gerald that he can stay with us. We believe that the Lord wants to heal his eyesight. I read that vitamins can sometimes help his condition so we have been giving him vitamins and nutritious food. He has developed a big appetite and is always hungry so I expect that he will have a growth spurt and hopefully catch up in his development. He has been surviving on mostly junk food for years and it shows. He is already starting to look better and he says he is noticing a slight improvement in his eyesight. In The Philippines the poor eat a lot of unhealthy junk food because sugar is very cheap. Gerald has been a blessing to us, he is very willing to work and is helping us do chores at the Transformation Center. He gets along well with other kids and does not cause any trouble. Thank you partners for helping us to be able to help him.

Sometime in the last couple of days our counter at the Seek God web site went over 10,000,000 hits, a milestone for us and the ministry. I first began the web site in 1997 after having a recurring thought that the internet would be a great way to spread the Gospel. I later realized that thought was actually a calling from God. I learned how to make a web site and I put the simple Gospel on the Internet. We immediately began getting response from countries around the world. A few months later I registered the SeekGod.org domain and setup the site there.

I had been to the Philippines on a mission trip a few months before that and the Lord had impacted my heart there. I began to have a greater understanding of God's word and as the Lord would give me revelation I wrote articles and published them at the Seek God site. That was the beginning of Seek God Ministries. We continue to receive testimonies from people who have been touched by the Lord through the web site. Here are a few recent responses...

- A woman from the USA: *I love this site it so encouraging. I have known about the site since 2010 it has truly helped me, every word in here is of the Lord*
- A woman from The Philippines: *It's amazing I am very inspired when I read it. I feel so blessed and comfort.*
- A 19 year old man from South Africa: *This website is awesome!*
- A woman from the USA: *Wonderful. Thank you. Found By: Typing a prayer to God into Google for help with depression*

From the beginning I felt that the Lord wanted me to publish the articles freely on the internet so that they could reach the greatest number of people. Even through the internet we want to be able to help the poor and the *least of these*. Sometimes we are doing that indirectly. Many times we have heard from poor preachers in Africa, India, and other places who take our messages out to remote areas and teach them to the people in villages.



I mentioned Sandi in the last Newsletter. We have seen her grow in the Lord so much since we came to The Philippines. Her mother died giving birth to her and she has never known her father. She was raised by her very poor grandmother. Sandi has a sincere love for God. She also has some creative talents and she did very well in school, she is bright. We encouraged her to continue into college which she did, reluctantly at first. She was able to get a partial scholarship and some help from us and lots of help from God. We are so happy to see her graduate from college, and with honors. She will be a teacher. Sandi's situation made her one of the least of these but with help now she will be one who is helping others. Sandi is a sweet girl who often helps us in the ministry and is always willing to help in anyway she can. We know she will be a blessing to many. Again, Thank You Partners.

Sandi asked me to walk with her and her grandmother to receive her diploma

This last week we were able to get together with two pastors from churches we oversee from a northern province of Luzon. They brought their families and enjoyed some rest and fellowship time at the Transformation Center.



The churches are working with a government program to help the poorest of the poor in their areas. Together they have about 300 people in several Bible study groups that were formed through the program. They are asking for help getting more Bibles. We were able to give them some New Testaments but they need more. We are very proud of their dedication and commitment to serving the Lord with their lives.

Goals

Note: the list below is in priority order according to the needs of the ministry and the number of lives that are affected

1. More regular monthly support to continue the ministry and be able to help more kids. **Update** with our expenses and cost of operation our needed survival support is now at \$2,500 US dollars per month. When we get more than that we are able to do more than survive like do outreaches, maintenance on the buildings and other needed projects. Our goal is to get our support up to \$7,500 per month so that we can work on the transformation center and be able to take in children in need.
2. \$23,000 US dollars for a Toyota 15 Passenger van, our current van is a 1994 Toyota; it is 19 years old and has served us well for six years but is now requiring expensive repairs more frequently. We need transportation for so many things we do in The Philippines including outreaches to street kids.
3. \$35,000 USD to purchase the lot behind the Transformation Center to use as a mini-farm for raising produce for the ministry, to feed the poor, and for possible income. **Update** the bank who owns the lot has warned us that they have two offers on the property for commercial development. They now want 2.5 million pesos for the property which would be \$62,500 US dollars at 40 pesos per dollar. I am not sure if that price is true, we feel that we could get it for less with cash, but we do know people are interested in buying the big lot. It will be a loss if we are not able to obtain the lot because the Transformation Center would be surrounded on four sides and it will limit what we can do at the Transformation Center.
4. Funds for remodeling the Transformation Center we possibly need \$60,000 USD for completion but we can work in stages as funds become available.

We are so thankful for the Lord's provision and we are so thankful for YOU. All of you who have prayed for us and given financially to help us get this far, THANK YOU! We know that the Lord sends very special people to help in this ministry. The Lord is the One building the Transformation Center; He is the One producing fruit in the lives of people as each of us obey His voice.

We love you, and pray God's blessings on you and your family; Gary, Suzzhette, and Kids

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