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To all our friends and partners:

Most of you already know that we had another financial miracle that allowed us to pay off the Father of Glory Transformation House (FOGTH) mortgage. We needed \$16,175 US dollars to make our final payment that was due at the end of 2011. HALLEUJIAH, we experienced a Christmas miracle. The funds came in just in time, again. We have now paid off the mortgage loan that we had on the house. No more 14% interest. Which is a normal rate here because the government gets 7% as a tax; and the bank gets 7%.

We know that you are rejoicing with us in the Lord's provision. We want to say a special THANK YOU to all of you who are a part of this miracle. Those of you who are praying for us and giving financially we know that you carry this ministry in your heart. Your obedience to the Holy Spirit is making it happen.

We still need to pay the transfer taxes and all the government fees that are connected to closing so that we can do the title transfer. Our property tax for 2012 is due also. We need about \$15,000 US dollars to pay all the cost and complete the title transfer. About \$3,300 of that amount is actually to purchase an extra 460 square meters of property which the back of house sits on. It was discovered in a land survey that the back part of the house was actually sitting on the lot behind the house. This is something we already knew about and we protected ourselves in the contract by negotiating a fair price. It was agreed that it would be paid when we did the title transfer so that we did not have interest charges on the extra amount. At that time the lot behind the house was owned by a different bank. Our bank, the one with the house loan, became concerned since they had already agreed to sell the extra land to us for our agreed price but they did not actually own it yet. So our bank quickly purchased the back lot to protect their interest. Now, of course our bank wants to sell the lot.

It is an interesting situation because from the beginning we have been looking at the lot behind the house with the idea that it would be a great place for a small farm. We could grow a lot of fruits and vegetables; and even raise a few chickens and goats there. This would help us with providing food for the FOGTH. It may also be an extra source of income because food prices are high here,



even though much of the produce is easy to grow here. This location is a farming area. The soil is very good for growing many things. The rice farmers around us are getting three crops per year. It seems they are having perpetual harvest here. We have excellent soil, an abundance of clean water, and plenty of sunshine. In addition to the other benefits the kids can help with the farming and at the same time learn about agriculture. The Philippines has an abundance of natural resources and can grow so many crops but the people are not educated about how to make use of the resources they have at hand. Farming may be a great income producer, now and in the future, especially considering the world situation and food prices in general.



Above - the lot behind the house, a little more than 1 acre in size.

For instance one of the things that we have discovered that grows very well here is "Malungay". Malungay is the Filipino name of a tree that has many health benefits. In English it is known as Moringa. It is considered to be a kind of miracle tree because it has so many nutritional benefits and it grows fast like a weed and it is very hardy. Every part of the tree is used. It is now being grown in many places where it may provide nutrition in areas of famine. You can read about it at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moringa_oleifera you can also check out <http://www.treesforlife.org/> to see how it can benefit starving populations.

Besides all the nutritional and medicinal uses of Malungay the seeds produce oil which is considered to be an excellent source for bio-fuel, including bio-diesel. This is something we will be learning more about in the future. We have been planting many trees on the house property and if we can get the lot behind the house we will plant many more. It would be wonderful to be able to produce our own energy source also.

People in The Philippines know that Malungay is very healthy they like to include the leaves in soups. It is also sold in the drug stores in capsules. Suzzhette's grandfather is 84 and her grandmother is 85. They live in a province a few hours away from us. Her grandmother still climbs the hills to collect food for her goats. They have been married for 59 years. When the grandfather was asked what is your secret to a long marriage he said, "Malungay". Everyone laughed to think that Malungay is even good for marriage. However, he credits their long life to Malungay and maybe that is part of their longevity. They eat Malungay regularly, and they are in good health for their ages, in spite of having very little health care.

Over the last few weeks we have finished repairing the front side of the house building which helps make it storm proof. We still need to do the back side also. We have also been evaluating, and asking the Lord where do we go from here, what are the next steps? The Lord spoke to me in the beginning of the year that this will be a year of changes for many people and it is very important to follow the voice of the Lord. This is to ensure that we are doing the right thing, at the right time, and in the right way. *Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established; By knowledge the rooms are filled With all precious and pleasant riches. (Proverbs 24:3-4)*

We are estimating that we need \$7500 per month to continue the renovation at a good pace, most of that would be for building materials. When we are ready to take in kids we will still need \$7500 per month for expenses. We have to hire a social worker, house parents, teacher, and other staff.

The government puts the full burden of care for the children on the organization. We have to meet government regulations and we will be responsible for all nutrition, clothing, education, health care, dental care, and psychological care; without any help from the government. We think that for \$7500 per month we could care for 20 to 30 kids; depending how creative we are at saving money. Of course this is the Lord's project and we trust in Him, as always. *Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; (Psalms 127:1a).*



A few days ago one of Suzzhette's friends came from Manila to visit us because she wanted to spend her birthday with the street kids. We thought that was a great idea and maybe some other people would like to do that also. *But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."* (Luke 14:13-14) So we made arrangements with a restaurant in town that would allow us to bring street kids inside, usually they are

not allowed inside establishments. This is a popular restaurant in The Philippines because they give you a big piece of chicken and all the rice you can eat for a good price.



We let some kids know about the party and they were waiting for us when we got there. We had a room in the back of the restaurant which they use for birthday parties. Suzzhette's friend brought some other friends from Manila along with some presents and goodies for the kids. It was a fun time. They played games and the kids were well behaved. They were patient waiting for the food even though they were hungry. I gave a short message about the joy of knowing Jesus. When I asked who has felt that joy when Jesus came into your heart, most



of them raised their hands. I knew by the looks on their faces that they were sincere. One boy kept fighting back tears in his eyes while I was talking. When we prayed the kids were very reverent and seemed to connect with the Lord individually.





The kids ate a lot of rice and kept the waiters busy bringing more. They are not used to having so much chicken so they only ate about half the chicken. Later the different groups of kids gathered their leftovers and put them all together to take with them to eat later. Street kids do not think much past the next meal so if they already have their next meal they are content.

After the party they were given gift packs with some candy, fun things, and some hygiene things like tooth brushes, tooth paste, and soap. They were so happy.



Some of these kids we would like to take in when we are able to do so. Our current situation is that we have stopped working on the house again for lack of funds. We need the \$15,000 to complete the title transfer and pay the final closing cost. We have not agreed on a price for the back lot but we know how much the bank paid for the lot because we had actually looked into the cost of it before. The bank will probably want 1.5 million pesos, which at the current rate would be about \$35,000 US dollars. We have decided not to talk to the bank about it until all of the closing is finalized for the house, we do not want to complicate the closing. We also do not want to go into debt again so we will not purchase the lot until we have the money to do so. Currently we are pretty much out of funds even for just normal survival expenses. However, we are not worried after all we have been through we know the Lord will provide.

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We love you, and pray God's blessings for you and your family,

Gary, Suzzhette, and Kids
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