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Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always. (1 Chronicles 16:8-11)

Greetings Friends and Partners:

It has been too long since my last update. One of the reasons for the delay was I had a computer hard drive crash which, was not backed up as often as I should have. I lost about 2.5 months of data. I think I have recovered most of the important stuff but it has taken time and effort to get it from different sources. The hard drive was only about six months old so I did not expect it to fail. I learned a good lesson and am now backing up often.

You probably heard that we had a Typhoon hit The Philippines last week. We are ok but it did affect some of the makeshift houses where we do our Kingdom Celebration program. Some roofs blew away but the people are ok in our area. Actually, we are thanking the Lord that it was not nearly as bad as it could have been. The typhoon began breaking up and lost some strength before it hit Manila and then us, an answer to prayer. It was a big storm. After it passed over and went out to the South China Sea, (which we now call the West Philippine Sea), it gained more strength and hit China with 150 mph sustained winds and gusts up to nearly 200 mph. Our electricity was out for three days but came on Saturday morning just in time for Kingdom Celebration.



The picture above on the left side, shows Joshua and a few of the kids playing soccer in the rain after Kingdom Celebration, about two weeks ago; notice the Mango tree in the background. On the right side is the Mango tree now, after the Typhoon. We think we can save the tree but it is going to take some work.

We definitely are in rainy season and that means possible typhoons. One passed on the east side of The Philippines just a couple days ago and later slammed into Taiwan. Another one is forming and predicted to follow the same path. However, even if we do not get a direct hit from a typhoon it can have a big affect on our weather. We are having a lot of rain, sometimes it is very heavy.

Last Saturday, we had special guests minister in Kingdom Celebration. Brian and Mirte Longridge along with their two daughters really blessed us and the kids. Mirte gave a wonderful message which really touched the kids with the love of Jesus. Brian is a super talented and gifted piano/keyboard player. They have been working as missionaries in The Philippines for several years down in the Cebu area. They also helped start a house of prayer there. If you like soaking music I highly recommend that you check out Brian's music on Amazon or ITunes, just search for Brian Longridge.

Below, Brain and Mirte ministering to the kids at Kingdom celebration, Suzzhette is helping with translation.



We now have a pastor and his wife who are staying at the Kingdom Celebration location during the week. We are providing a safe place for the kids to come who are at high risk in that area. They will also be encouraging the kids to stay in school and will be helping them with homework after school. Thank you partners for helping us make this possible. This can make a major difference in some kids that are at high risk for becoming street kids.

The Lord has taught us so much since we came to The Philippines. We work on the streets with the kids out there but also in the area where we do Kingdom Celebration. It is a poor area; we have seen first hand how kids become street kids. It is a breakdown of the family. Often the father is absent or abusive. The mother may be unable to provide and cope. Alcohol, most of the time plays

a major part. This leads to extreme poverty and hunger, which eventually will drive the kid to do desperate things to survive. As a last resort, they leave home and head to the nearest city.

They will usually connect with other kids on the streets and become part of a group where they are taught very bad things. Their life becomes a "live for the moment and try to survive" existence. They never think long term because they cannot even imagine that they have a future. Sometimes they see other kids who are dressed in school uniforms with their parents taking them to school. They long for that kind of life, a parent who would actually take care of them. Their health begins to deteriorate and on the inside, their heart loses hope. By begging they can get enough money to get some food and some glue to sniff. Some, will prefer to sniff glue rather than eat, it is cheaper than food and kills the pain of hunger and street life. If a kid has been out on the streets for years, they fully adapt to that life. They then have a difficult time adjusting to being in a place where they cannot do what ever they want whenever they want.



In my last newsletter, I mentioned that we had re-rescued a boy off the streets who had lived with us before. He is doing well and I am very hopeful that he will stay on the path of life. When we picked him up, he was in very bad condition and really could have died. A medical exam revealed that he had TB, to the point he was having trouble breathing at times. He also had some other viral infections that are common on the streets. He has been diligent in taking his medicine and is recovering quite well. He looks and feels good now.

We are helping him plan for his future, including how he can develop some livelihood skills. He is actually a good bass guitar player and is part of our worship band at Kingdom Celebration. His picture is on the left, taken during worship at Kingdom Celebration.

In my last newsletter, I let you know that we were behind on funding for the ministry. People responded in May and we were able to catch up and even began doing some needed construction projects. It was good timing because rainy season one again revealed some roof leaks that needed to be taken care of at the Transformation Center and at Kingdom Celebration. We also decided to start a fund to go toward a new van for the ministry. We have \$1,000 dollars at this time. It looks like we need about \$25,000 dollars to get a late model Toyota van. A van is much needed tool for the ministry here. Our old one is a challenge to keep running and every time it starts, we thank the Lord. The kids actually begin praying and commanding the van to start every time they hear me turn the key.

When rainy season hits in The Philippines there are less jobs and poor kids are experiencing more hunger. We need to help the kids with food, clothes and transportation to go to school, more at this time of year; the needs are greater. Thank you for enabling us to help them. There is also an increase in crime, especially burglary and other kinds of stealing. Like the rest of the world, we are seeing an increase in darkness, which sometimes surprises us. However, at the same time, we are seeing the glory of the Lord being revealed in greater ways. In this current season, we are focusing on the kids experiencing the presence of God. We are teaching the kids that prayer is fellowship with the Father and with the Son. We want them to always be conscious that the Lord is with them and in them. We are seeing prayer make a major difference in people's lives.

In the internet ministry, we continue to be amazed at how the Lord is using this tool for His glory. Some of the touching prayer requests recently have been from Iraq, Syria, and Nigeria in those places where Christians are facing terrible persecution. In your prayer time, remember them and us. The Lord is very actively answering the heart-felt prayers of intercessors.

Just today, we received these testimonies: A young man in Papua New Guinea made a recommitment to the Lord. He wrote, "Thank you Jesus for giving me hope for a new start." A man in Chicago wrote, "Thank you so much for sharing God's words for me ! I am struggling right now and need God more than ever. Thanks for your encouragement, I will continue to pray."

Recently, a 21 year old from South Africa wrote; "I've learnt a lot in this website. I wanted to know more about God."

Goals to Advance

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

1. \$25,000 US dollars for a Toyota 15 Passenger van, our current van is a 1994 Toyota; it is 20 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. We have \$1,000 US dollars now to go toward the purchase of a van.

2. The needs are so great in The Philippines and to make a long term difference in people's lives is expensive. We can always reach more kids with greater funding. However, we are doing the best we can as the Lord provides and we are amazed at how the Lord can touch so many lives as we obey Him. Your gifts to the ministry make a big difference.

3. Long term, we would like to purchase a farm or land near the Transformation Center. The lot we were hoping to obtain behind the Transformation Center has been sold. We would like to get a farm close to here that would be rehabilitation place for older kids and help us produce food for the hungry. We believe it can also help us generate some income. Food prices are high even in The Philippines where many things are easily grown.

We are so thankful for the Lord's provision and we are so thankful for YOU. All of you who pray for us and give financially to help us continue. 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

As it is written: "HE HAS DISPERSED ABROAD, HE HAS GIVEN TO THE POOR; HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God. (2nd Cor. 9:9-12)

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