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Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:2-3)

Greetings Dear Friends,

If you are in the USA, we hope you are surviving the hot summer alright. We have gone from very hot summer weather into our monsoon rainy season. It is much cooler here now but very rainy at times. Once again, we are dealing with some leaks in our buildings when the rain is heavy. We are thankful that no typhoons have directly hit The Philippines so far this season. Several have passed over the top of the country. Another one is expected to pass over the top this week. They can affect our weather causing stormy conditions, but nothing like being hit directly. *Please note that the pictures are distorted to protect identities.*



We are thankful every day for our new van, and so happy to be able to travel easily again. One of the things we feel called to do is minister to street children and for us that requires some traveling. The kids on the streets of cities are in a more dangerous situation compared to poor kids in the rural towns and less populated areas.

Just before this picture was taken we watched a young boy who looked to be between eight and ten years old sniffing glue. Which, is a common thing for street kids because it kills the pain of hunger and of life on the street. The boy started to pretend like he was doing different things like riding a motorcycle, directing traffic, and talking to someone. I don't think he was hallucinating. I think his childhood imagination was being affected by the glue. The other kids said that the boy is new there. We will try to learn more about him on future visits.

Many of the kids there know us and are always happy to see us. We feed them, provide basic clothes sometimes, and pray for them. It is always an emotional time for us to go there. Some of them are begging for us to take them home with us. We want to do more and believe a time is coming when we can do more. We have enough experience to know that dealing with street kids can be challenging, disappointing, and a life-long commitment for those we bond with. One of our problems is that now days there are more regulations which, means greater cost financially.

We are continuing to make improvements on the Transformation Center as we have the funds to do so. Last night, we had an intruder at the Transformation Center. The guy had a knife and flash light strapped to his arm. Our dogs were barking in a way that we knew someone was here that should not be. When we discovered him hiding he was startled and said that he was hiding from the police because he had stabbed some people. We think that was not true and he said that to scare us. He then jumped from a second story balcony and ran off into the night. Today we are thinking of ways to improve our security, again.

In rainy season people get more desperate because there is a lack of employment. Construction and other outside jobs are affected by the weather. For most of the people here, a day without work is a day without pay. For many, this makes it difficult to feed their family. Because of the increase in hunger in rainy season we have many more hungry kids coming to our gate asking for food. We feed them and minister to them. The very poor children in less populated areas will sometimes become street children in the bigger cities when they get a little older. This happens because they see no hope where they are.

I don't think our intruder was trying to help his family. If he was starving and came to our gate we would give him food also. He was more of a desperate, mentally unbalanced, possibly drug addict, thief. He seems to be well experienced at sneaking into houses and stealing. In fact, we suspect that he has been here before, he seems to know the layout of the property. At least two incidents in the past could have been this same guy.

Recently at Kingdom Celebration a woman showed up and shared with our leadership that she was a "backslidden Christian" and had been involved in prostitution for some time. She was asking for help to go back to her family. I rarely mention it but we live near a region known for human trafficking. The woman said that she had been tricked by someone who came to her home province and promised her a job in a restaurant in another city. Apparently, her husband had left her and she had children to support so she accepted the offer. She left her children in the care of her parents and traveled to the new city. Upon arriving, she learned the truth about her new "job". For whatever reasons she fell into the trap as so many others have also.

She talked about the terrible life that she fell into and how she felt guilty because before she had known the Lord. Her handler (pimp) would take her and other girls to meet "customers". She talked about how some of the customers were even catholic priests. At one point, she and the other girls had gone by Kingdom Celebration and they recognized people were gathering there for church. One of the other girls turned to her and said didn't you say that you were a Christian. When she heard that she felt such conviction and it stuck in her heart and mind.

She became infected with a sexually transmitted disease. She told us more details than we wanted to hear about the symptoms and suffering from that. There was a transgender person who helped her get medicine and recover at that time. At first, she thought the person was being kind to her. However, when she commented that she wanted to return to her home province she was told she would need to stay and payback the transgender first. That meant going back into prostitution again. At this point she decided to escape and she ended up coming to us for help.

Below, a young girl we met on the street



The woman often cried while telling us her story and asked if we could help her get back to her home province and return to her children. We prayed with her and encouraged her that the Lord will provide for her and her children in her home province, if she will trust Him. We did help her with transportation to get back home. She said that she will also return to her church where she was a member before.

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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)