

Orphanage

PHILIPPINE BAPTIST
MINISTRY

May 2020 Newsletter



Dear Ministry Partner,

This past month our area remained on a strict lockdown status due to the covid-19 crisis. The children in the orphanage are doing well though, praise God! The main impact this crisis will have on the orphanage children (along with the rest of the Filipino kids) will be in regards to their school year. The school year here usually begins at the beginning of June, but this school year has been set to begin at the end of August. However, these won't be normal, face-to-face classes because the government has announced that they will wait for a vaccine to be released before allowing the resumption of physical class meetings. They're currently planning on offering some type of online classes (which is impossible for a vast majority of Filipino children) or paperwork that the kids can do at home under parental supervision. We're not sure yet how things are going to work out exactly for the orphanage kids, but **please keep praying** for their educational improvement and the entire covid-19 crisis to come to an end. We're very blessed to have several people who continue to tutor the children regularly, praise God!



The kids are always excited when tutoring time comes around!



Little Abigail is excited at her improvements in drawing shapes!

As the children's extended vacation continues to extend their typical day consist of having Bible study and prayer time, doing chores, having some tutoring time, and having a lot of extra recreational time. Oh, also, lots of eating time; they love their three meals a day with snacks in between! We also recently put up a volleyball court for them and they've been having a blast learning how to play! Just seeing these kids enjoying their daily lives so much is an incredible blessing, praise God for all He's done for them!

Please continue praying also for the spiritual wellbeing of all the children; especially that each of them will come to truly accept Christ as Savior! We're excited to report that 16 year old Glaiza has recently

made a good profession of faith and will be following the Lord in baptism in very soon, praise God! All of the kids continue to listen to regular Bible studies, memorize Bible verses, and currently we are challenging them to memorize all 66 books of the Bible in order and some have already nailed them down!

Please continue praying that we can purchase more land for the orphanage in the very near future! We're so thankful to God for the abandoned and abused children that He has already brought out of the slums and we pray to be used of Him to help many many more. You can see in the picture here to the side a google map view of the land we are praying for, which is directly adjacent to the east side of the current orphanage land. The owner is currently selling it at 600 pesos per square meter and we're praying to work out a deal with the owner to get 2,000 square meters. Pray that we can get this at a discounted price. We could use that land to put up facilities to ultimately shelter an additional 150+ abandoned and abused children! We're praying to transact asap as the owner is currently selling off all of his land and it's going quickly as some of the lots have already been purchased.

This month saw several birthdays as Lorence turned 10, Rowell turned 4, Mae Chelyn turned 18, Mae Cheellah turned 16, John Ric turned 10, and Isaac turned 9; happy happy birthday to each of them! **Please join us in praying** for them and all of the children that God will bless and use their lives in mighty ways for His glory. We continue to be amazed at how wonderfully the children are growing up!

In closing let me ask you, are you a thankful person? These kids always remind me of how thankful all of us should be. We recently bought them all brand new rubber slippers that only cost about 50 pesos each and they were SUPER thankful. They won't complain because they don't have a "Nike" or "Adidas" logo on them; they're just thankful for the simple things in life. As the Bible says in 1 Thess 5:18, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." May God bless you all more and more!

Yours in Christ,
Jeremy and Kristine Ferguson (Orphanage Directors)

Psalm 40:17, "I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer"

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Very thankful just to get some rubber slippers!

Misc Pictures From May



Do you really love God's Word? These kids are always excited when Bible study time is announced!



Little Scarlet got herself some cute glasses!



Little Mhazzy got himself a cute hat!



Having fun in the indoor basketball court!



Learning to play volleyball!



Race time! These kids can run fast; it makes you tired just watching them run!



More Misc Pictures From May



Garden work!



A baby okra plant!



The kids love the fruit from their mango tree!



Squash vine the kids planted!



Birthday cakes!



Learning some guitar!



Beautiful sunsets are reminders from God of how beautiful the lives of these children are!

May Photo Collage!



May 2020 Financial Report (in Philippine pesos)

Previous Balance (368,370) + Offerings (137,576) - Expenses (145,645) = Ending Balance (360,301)

Offerings

Northside Missionary Baptist Church (Ocala, FL, USA) = 6,435
Oak Dale Baptist Church (Newberry, FL, USA) = 9,900
O'Leno Baptist Church (High Springs, FL, USA) = 4,900
Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church (Okeechobee, FL, USA) = 4,655
New Testament Baptist Church (Lonoke, AR, USA) = 4,900
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church (Stuttgart, AR, USA) = 63,800
Angeles Missionary Baptist Church (Angeles City, Pampanga, PHIL) = 4,000
New Life Baptist Aeta Church (Porac, Pampanga, PHIL) = 500
New Life Baptist Church (Mexico, Pampanga, PHIL) = 2,491
Ancient Landmark Baptist Church (Plaridel, Bulacan, PHIL) = 1,500
Maranatha Baptist Church (Balanga, Bataan, PHIL) = 2,000
Joii Philippines = 10,000
Individual offerings = 22,495

Regular Expenses (141,335)

Groceries = 73,210	Salary for house parents = 44,050	Salary for social worker = 16,000
Electricity contribution = 6,000	Garbage service = 160	Medicines and checkups = 1,915

Misc Expenses (4,310)

Generator gas = 1,910	Light bulbs = 480	Rubber slippers = 1,920
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Thanks for your loving support towards these kids, God bless you!

