



*...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not
grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31*

March - April 2021

Ministry Update

This pandemic really changed our lives and the ways we do things. With no end in sight, we needed to reevaluate/adjust our plans and priorities. That is true with our ministries in the Philippines.

We returned to California last November 2019 to spend time with our family especially with our newborn first grandchild. We also had a full ministry schedule ahead of us, but the Covid pandemic immediately placed our plans on hold.

Thus we are still here in Long Beach, California still planning to return to the Philippines to personally manage our ministry there, once travel restrictions have been lifted up and situations normalize.

Hearing the difficulties that our Philippine recipients are experiencing because of the Quarantine/lockdown and with no source of income to put food in the table, we started distributing Food Packs in July till December 2020 in Payatas and Cupang communities. In the meantime, we continued to reevaluate our resources which was also impacted by the pandemic. We wanted to make sure that the limited resources the Lord entrusted us is used judiciously for His Kingdom's sake.

Cupang Community Ministry

In 2018, we established a partnership with Holy Redeemer Christian Church - Cupang, by starting a Livelihood (Micro-Finance assistance) Program in their community. In just less than a year, we experienced the hand of the Lord transforming the lives of recipients. There were 32 adults and youth who followed the Lord through water baptism. Several home bible studies were started and are still going strong despite the pandemic. Prior to lockdown,

attendance in Sunday Worship was overflowing to the street. Children from the community came regularly during Sunday School time. We recognize that this community is ripe for harvest for the Lord. In fact, this April 2021 there will be 12 adults and youth following the Lord through water Baptism.

Recognizing that prolonged mere food distributions to the community has the potential to create dependency on handouts, we placed an end to that. Last February 2021, we re-started a Livelihood program in a cooperative format/style.

Before the pandemic, there were 30-40 children from the community attending Sunday School. To continue the ministry to these children, we will set up a Children Sponsorship Program at the beginning of school year 2021-2022. Our volunteers/workers from Cupang church are now interviewing families and filling-up applications for such.

Cupang church was granted by the local government unit permission to do a feeding program amongst the church neighborhood children. They were also allowed to meet every Sunday afternoon for Worship service provided they follow COVID protocols. Unfortunately, the existing facility is too small to hold 30-40 adults, so most of the attendees sit or stand on the street outside the facility.



Cupang Church existing Facility



Sunday Worship Service last month



Proposed Facility Expansion Concept

Please pray with us that we will be able to raise \$75,000 to renovate/expand this facility to accommodate 90-100 individuals. Currently we have \$10,000 that already came in. If the Lord burdens you to help, please send your donations to the address below. Please indicate that it is for Cupang Church Facility expansion.

New Ministry Opportunity-- Inmates and Family Ministry

Resty & I developed friendship with a couple (Engr. Ernesto (ian) & Jean Monasterial) who have a burden for the inmates and their families. We met them 5 years ago, when we were drafting our Payatas Classroom project. Everytime we

meet while we are in the Philippines, they keep sharing their burden and how the Lord keeps opening doors for them to minister to inmates.

Last month, as we were discussing/planning the Cupang expansion project, he again expressed their burden towards these “Persons of Deprived Liberty” (PDL) and their families. He has seen the needs of the inmates, their families especially their children. He feels frustrated in not being able to respond adequately to the needs due to lack of resources, more so where to get them.

Here is a short synopsis of the Inmates ministry:

1. Three (3) detention centers located in Rizal province
2. Inmates: drug related; thefts; illegal transactions
3. Constraints encountered by Inmates and families:
 - a. No job opportunities given because of incarceration record - compelling them to go back to former way of life
 - b. No family support especially for children of convicts; no homes for adults/children--forced to sleep out in the streets where they can get victimized, abused, taken advantage of; children not in school; no proper adult guidance/supervision
 - c. Complex issues: spiritual,moral,emotional, psycho-social issues
4. Ministry Outreach
 - a. Provide personal hygiene needs while in prison
 - b. Spiritual care
 - c. Livelihood program
 - i. New Skills trainings while still incarcerated and when they are released
 - ii. Livelihood financial assistance to inmate’s families
 - d. Educational Children Sponsorship program for inmate’s children

The Monasterials now has a team of volunteers at these detention centers ministering through the study of God’s Word on a regular basis. Their goal is for the inmates to experience the love they are deprived of, through a personal encounter of God’s love expressed through God’s people meeting their needs--not only sustaining what is immediate --but more so that they grow deep in the knowledge of His love, giving the glory back to Him who deserves it all.

We from IM SEA felt the burden to assist/partner with this ministry. The Monasterial and their team of volunteers started identifying inmate’s families in dire need. We pray for you to consider partnering with us in prayers and financial support on this new ministry opportunity as well.

1. Providing livelihood training / financial assistance to inmates’ families to start their own income generating small businesses to support their families.

- Sponsor inmate's children through our Children Sponsorship Program (CSP), allowing them to continue their education and pursue their lifetime dream.

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Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.

Hebrews 13:3 (NASB)

We thank and praise the Lord for what He has done, provided and will continue to do. We thank the Lord for each and every one of you that has been there always, for the Lord's Kingdom and glory! We praise the Lord for you in your desire to pray and partner with us.

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Send your donation to Indigenous Ministries address below and please designate it to: "IMI Southeast Asia" .	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Setup your donation on-line here Click on "DONATE" button Click on "Please select the individual or area for your donation" Select "Resty & Mel Enguerra" Fill up the information requested in the form. 	Call IMI office at (719) 302-3028 and speak with Dee to make arrangements.

Blessings,

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