



*...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*

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Jesus Our Hope Jail Ministry

Early 2021, the Lord brought to our attention the need to partner with the Jesus Only Hope jail Ministry of our good friends Ernesto (Ian) & Jean Monasterial. We have known them for some times and they were our partners in building the classrooms at Promise Land Christian School. He related to us the plight of the Inmates and their families particularly their young young children with both parents are behind bars - are left to fend for themselves in the streets - homeless, exposed to the evil surrounding the environment. Oftentimes, the children do not stay in school. Inmates who get released find themselves with no opportunities to earn decent living - they return to their former ways of living then back to jail again.

Meet the people in Jesus Only Hope Jail Ministry.



Ernesto (Ian) & Jean Monasterial
Jesus Only Hope Jail Ministry,
Team Lead

October 2014, we both attended a worship activity at a maximum prison area in the country's main jail. We witnessed an inmate fully tattooed in body, crying and singing with hands up in worship to God. The Lord spoke to our hearts - "no one is

hopeless in Me. I can restore even the worst life. I want you to serve Me by loving those who see Me". God burdened us to bring the inmates to His feet, letting them know they are not forgotten by God. Isaiah 49:15-16 says: "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me."

Female Inmate, Taytay Detention Center



Eleanor, 46. Crime: Cybersex

Parents separated at age 3. Her 2 siblings went with the mom while she and brother were in the custody of an alcoholic father with a live-in girlfriend. Dad raped her regularly at age of 7 for a year in front of her brother. With the harshness of life, one day she and her brother decided to commit suicide together by drinking a bottle of iodine. Her brother said he'll go first, however, when she went to take her turn she found her brother consumed all the content, dead. She then nwas adopted by an uncle and kept secret being rape by her father. She grew up and lived with a man at an early age and had 3 children. The partner lost his job, straining the relationship and eventually eventually parted ways. Found a foreigner boyfriend who supported her and her children in exchange, she was to engage in online cybersex. The police came after them. In prison, she encountered Christ. With continued study of the bible, she learned what forgiveness is all about, forgiving her father against her. Ephesians 4:32 became real and alive: *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you"*. She now gains peace, joy and hope in Christ. Eleanor now serves as one of the bible study leaders in the women's Detention Center. She was also given the position to serve as a Nightwatch lady over the other inmates as they slept. She uses this time to continue in studying the Bible and deepening her relationship with God.

Men's Detention Center



Dave M. Returned Inmate.

From a financially stable religious family, served as an altar boy. Later into worldly living, multiple women with seven kids by them. Arrested for driving without license; court hearing regressed the case without bail. Dave states; "my world crumbled". His parents arranged for his transfer to a regional jail with recreational privileges, livelihood, basketball games, chapel and library. Many religious groups come to minister here. Started attending/listening to messages preached; eventually recognized God working in his life and asked Christ to become his personal Lord and Savior.

Life turned for a better: successful in his livelihood, star basketball player and spiritual leader/advisor inside the prison outreach. He loved his fellow inmates and gained their respect likewise.

(Dave M. cont.)

Faith was tested with the death of beloved aunt and dad. Deeply saddened, questioned God. He continued to serve half heartedly despite the bigger/better opportunities bestowed him inside prison. Many sought his advice on life's adversities. Absurdly, he says he couldn't appropriate all these biblical counsel for himself; still feeling the pain of his misery.

Twelve years into incarceration, he was released. With newfound freedom but no job, Dave claims to live the world again. He got jailed a second time. He confessed/asked forgiveness from God for his poor choices, forgetting who God is and what He had done in his life.

Dave surrendered his life back to God, proclaiming constantly God's faithfulness, goodness and favor in his life, encouraging fellow inmates to do likewise. His constant message to fellow inmates is: if Christ is not in your life, you will always be a lost sheep. He found peace, love, joy in full measure even behind bars. He greatly thanked God for the trust bestowed on him by the prison authorities. Immeasurably, **To God be all the Glory!**

A big percentage of the offenders are drug related and others of various offenses. Witnessing to them of Christ's love thru regular worship Services , Bible studies and prayers and meeting their needs - they are equally valued and loved by Christ who died on the Cross for their sins, yours and mine.

The Shepherd Restores Psalm 23:3-4 is a beautiful illustration of how God Restores and Cares too for His wandering sheep. It says: *"He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of His name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."* It is the idea of repentance (turning back) and the restoration accomplished by the Shepherd, waiting for the wanderer to return out from the wilderness. Then God guides the sheep into the right tracks for His Name's sake. "When the journey is dark, unfamiliar and difficult, the sheep feels secure because the Shepherd is near, leading the way, fully aware of the valley's path" (Swindoll)

Cupang Church Facility Renovation (Urgent Need)

As ministries in Cupang Community continue to grow, so it is with spatial concerns. The makeshift tricycle garage facility (max 25 people) cannot accommodate 80 attendees during the Sunday Worship service. Worshipers overflow into the adjacent street! For the summer months, they're under the sun, in the rainy monsoon time, which is now battling against the wet windy days. A temporary solution to this is to have multiple services. One in the morning and one in the afternoon.

Please continue to pray that we will raise the needed fund of \$75k to renovate & expand this converted garage into a facility that will accommodate 100 people or so.



Cupang Church
existing Facility



Sunday Worship
Service last month



Proposed Facility
Expansion Concept

We thank and praise the Lord for what He has done, provided, and will continue to do. We thank the Lord for 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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Blessings,

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