

# PHILIPPINE OUTREACH CENTRE MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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## NEW SPARROW

This month we welcomed 2 new sparrows to the children's home. Sisters, 8 year old Blessie and 11 year old Princess. The mother is an ex-prisoner and the father is still in jail for drugs. They are the youngest of 8 children. After being released from prison their mother has found it hard to earn enough income to provide for the children. At her current job she only earns P250 (£4 or \$5) a day and half of that goes to fares getting to work. As of now, Blessie and Princess are still adjusting to life in the children's home, but they have gotten along well with the other girls. If you are willing to help us by sponsoring them please feel free to contact us and we'll set up your sponsorship. It will be a great blessing for them and us too.

Being in a home with 26 kids can be very challenging, and accidents are sometimes unavoidable. Just a few days ago, one of the girls, (8 year old Danica) got up in the middle of the night to go to the toilet. As she was going back to bed on the top bunk she slipped and hit her chin very hard on the floor. She had a very bad cut and lost 2 teeth. The cut was such a gruesome sight and there was so much blood that it caused one of the staff members to faint and she slammed her head on

the floor too leaving her unconscious. Both were rushed to the hospital. Praise God both are doing fine now. Danica had stitches, but is healing very well. The Houseparent is still resting to be sure that no serious damage occurred because of the fall. We thank God that though this was a very serious incident, there was no serious harm to them.

Praise God, a generous donation was made so we will soon begin work on **restoring the fences and gates** at the girls house for their protection.

Thank you for all your prayers and financial support for Mailyn. After a recent checkup her lab tests show very **high protein** levels. **If this continues she may need dialysis.** A big factor is her diet. Since she is not working and her husband is still unable to get back to work it has been difficult to buy nutritious food. She is in **need of a miracle** for her thyroid and her health. Please continue to pray for her. For the meantime, we have given her husband a job at the boys house as a houseparent so that they are able to have some sort of income every month. If you wish to support when sending your donation please make sure to designate it to her. Thank you all so much for your support and prayers for her.

- Monique



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### **Donate**

#### ENGLISH BANK ACCOUNT

NAT WEST BANK

A/C NO: 369 7037 9

SORT CODE: 01 07 71

A/C NAME:

POC Central Account

#### AMERICAN BANK ACCOUNT

\*Cheques made payable to  
'MARANATHA FAMILY  
CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP'

A/C NAME:

Maranatha Family  
Christian Fellowship

#### PHILIPPINE BANK ACCOUNT

PNB BANK

97 Magsaysay drive, West Tapinac,  
Olongapo City

A/C NO: 205910024223

SWIFT CODE:

PNBMPHMM 113391

A/C NAME:

Philippine Outreach Centre

### **Sponsor A Child**

Make a difference in a child's life by being a sponsor, giving monthly support that will go to their daily necessities, shelter, education, etc.

For more details, contact us or visit our website at [pocmin.com](http://pocmin.com)

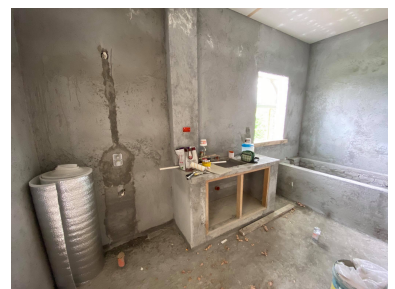
## FURTHER DELAYS

The Perillo family would greatly value your prayers at this time. We are being evicted from our home rental for the third time in 3 years. When my parents graciously gave an inheritance to my brothers and I, we decided it was time to have our own home. It has always been my parents wish to see us in our own home and this was our golden opportunity. We bought land and hired a contractor to build for us. We signed the contract in May 2018. We have had all kinds of trials since then, not least of which was facing eviction so many times (moving is such a headache especially as there are so many of us). We also faced a

massive drop in the value of the £ which meant we lost more than £8000 (P500,000) of our budget. Our building contract was supposed to be for 250 days (approximately). Well it has been well over two years, due to typhoons, monsoons, Covid-19 etc. and it is still nowhere near finished. We still have no bathroom hardware or tiles fitted, no windows, no screens, no doors and a looming eviction date. This problem remains that tiles that were ordered and paid for before the lock-down have not arrived, which has also had a knock-on affect on other pending jobs. We are learning patience and praying it has its perfect work in us (James 1:4) lol!. Please pray that we don't have to vacate this house until our new home is ready. The workmen however, are doing **a really wonderful job** on the house. Even though it is taking a long time, they are great craftsmen.

I know it will be well worth the wait in the end.

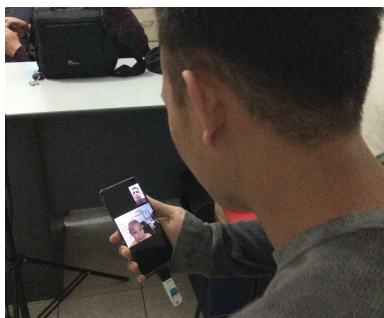
Simeon and Monique have had similar delays. According to their contract they should have moved in December 2019. They still don't have water or electricity, but are hoping it will be soon ready for them to make their big move.



# DIGITAL JAIL VISITS

It's been almost five months since the Philippines declared a national lockdown because of the pandemic. Since the start of the lockdown, the jails that we are visiting closed its gates temporarily for all visitors from the outside. Ministers, volunteers and even the inmates' families are up to this moment, still not allowed to go inside the jails to visit the inmates. We knew that it will be hard for our brothers and sisters inside the jails to not see or hear from their families for such a long time. Thankfully, the BJMP (Bureau of Jail Management and Penology) created a digital visitation for the inmates wherein they can video call their loved ones. 4 of our kids in POCCH had the

chance to catch up with their moms inside the jail via video call. These are precious moments for them to be able to see and talk to their mom on the phone. We're sure it was a relief for the kids to see how their moms were doing and we know how glad their moms were to see their children looking so well! It was such a heartwarming sight for us in this time of pandemic!



- Louie Bonilla

## SCHOOL STARTS AT LAST

While it has been reported in the Philippines that only 50% of students have been enrolled in most schools, we have 220 students enrolled in POC Christian Academy this school year 2020-2021, which is equal or even greater than previous years. We praise God that we still have this wonderful opportunity to reach out to help the **marginalised children** in our community, by offering a **high standard, private education completely free of tuition fees**. We also wish to offer our grateful thanks to our faithful partners and sponsors, who make this possible.

We are very privileged to have such dedicated staff who also work tirelessly to help these underprivileged children become future achievers.

Covid-19 has been so hard on children and young people. They have not been able to be in any public places including shops, malls, restaurants, schools and even churches (that includes young people 20yrs old and below) since mid March. So it is

really stifling for them. They are desperate for something to do with their time. I'm sure they would love to be back at school like the students in the U.K. but that is not on the cards here in the Philippines as Covid-19 cases are on the rise, at least that is until there is an available cure and/or vaccine.

POCCA teachers are ready, have produced sufficient modules to get the students started on their new journey of **'modular distance learning'**, until the government provides the school with their standard modules.

Though we haven't yet reached our budget for the new administrative equipment (laptop computers for teachers, copiers, printers, ink and paper etc) needed for reproducing the modules for each individual student in every subject, we have been able to order a printer and copier in anticipation. Praise God we are, by God's grace, set on course to start teaching by August 24.

- Chrissy

## MORE UPDATES

POCF churches now have face-to-face services (occasionally lock-downs reimposed when there are outbreaks). In Subic, our ushers wear shields and masks, check temperatures and spray rubbing alcohol on the hands of members as they enter the church. Members entering must wear masks and be between the ages of 20 and 60. All chairs are 1 meter apart and have a sanitised pen and contact info. forms to be collected after the services. **This is in accordance with Government guidelines**. We have 2 morning services with an hour in between to clean and sanitise. Though hard at first, we have adjusted. Of course we continue to stream our services for our dear members who cannot attend because of restrictions.

Thank you all so much for supporting POCM throughout this Pandemic. It's been so hard for everyone. Yet so many have supported faithfully in spite of difficulties. Thank you so much. God Bless you richly!, Love in Christ,

- Chrissy, Dondie and your POCM Family

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Financial provision** for all our ministries during this time of more relaxed quarantine.

Please continue to pray for **Maily. Miracle healing for her thyroid condition.**

Please pray that the door for on-line or recorded ministry for Iba, San Fernando, will be opened to our prison ministry team.

Safety for workers/customers and success of charity shops Sparrows Nest, Your Kids Around the World, Drop-Inn and Annie's Orphans and others as they re-open their doors for business with social distancing rules

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