

PHILIPPINE OUTREACH CENTRE MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

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KELVIN'S FOREVER FAMILY

We at POC Children's Homes (POCCH) are really blessed to have privilege of caring for innocent children of inmates such as Kelvin who came to us as a baby. It is very rare for us to experience adoptions as the main reason inmates choose to refer their children to POCCH is so they can receive regular visits from them and have the assurance of being re-united with them after their release.

After several years Kelvin's mother informed us that she had a half brother (who is a Born Again Christian) who was interested in adopting him and she seemed agreeable to it. We thought little of it at the time, as inmates often make promises and plans that never actually come to fruition. However it was upon her release from jail that she visited Kelvin along with her half brother and his family. The family were smitten at first sight of Kelvin who is such a lovely natured little boy. So the placement process began with the involvement of the Social Services. It does take time for them to approve placements, but being related to Kelvin made the process so much quicker. Of course it is hard for all his POCCH family to see him go especially as we have raised him from birth. He has a big place in our hearts. But of course our greatest assurance is that his new family also love Jesus.



They have welcomed us to visit him from time to time and also promised to bring him to visit the boys. The placement was delayed due to Covid-19 quarantine, but was finally pushed through on July 7. Since he's been with his new family we are so thankful to see him looking so happy. His new mum helped him make video calls to speak to the boys and myself.. It is truly a very happy ending and new beginning. We would like to thank those who sponsored Kelvin. His new parents are also appreciative for the good foundation he has had and offer their sincere thanks to all who loved and cared for him.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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School's Not Out

As we mentioned last month public and Government schools here in the Philippines will begin the new school year 2020-2021 by August 24 but are still not allowed to have face-to-face classes. Most government schools will be using on-line class learning, but almost all of the 217 students enrolled in POC Christian Academy have no access to WiFi. At the requests of our parents, we are therefore adapting the '**modular distance learning**' method.

Unfortunately as a private charitable school we **do not qualify for any government funding** for the **additional computers, laptops, printers, copier, ink and paper** necessary to produce the modules quickly and efficiently but we can apply to local government and to individuals in the private sector through 'grant proposals'.

It is close to our hearts as there is an article (<https://bit.ly/38PTzse>) states that 'Save the Children' warned... **"The coronavirus has caused an 'unprecedented education emergency' with up to 9.7 million children affected by school closures at risk of never going back to class."** and we don't want any of our children to become one of these statistics.

The school has worked hard to produce a Grant Proposal, entitled, '**School's Not Out**' with the purposed of enabling teachers to produce the individual work modules for each student to have the opportunity to continue their education in spite of Covid-19.

In the book of Ezra we read how **'the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia'** and the God used a heathen king to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem. Though He used a heathen king, still it was the will of God and the Spirit of God that caused the building of the temple.

We are certain that with or without a "project" our God is able to provide. As we send out our proposal, our prayer is that if it is His will, He will stir the spirit of the individuals receiving the project proposal. However, whether through a heathen king or businessman, by angels, ravens or by a widow, we are certain of this one thing, God will provide as He has promised to meet all our needs, according to His riches in glory by Jesus, and it is in Him we place our trust.



PRISON MINISTRY REMAINS UNLOCKED

Last month we sent a flash drive containing video recorded services and bible studies, sufficient for one month's viewing to be shown for the inmates in the prisons during lock-down. Our only means of contact with the Men's Dorm. in Angeles District Jail was via Facebook Messenger but they did not see our request. For that reason we only sent the flash drive to the Female Dorm. Word of the Female Dorm.s' flash drive soon reached our members in the Male Dorm. They found a way to contact Louie to ask why they had not received theirs!! We re-submitted our request, hoping that the inmates would prompt the jail officer's



attention to look for it. It was received and approval came immediately. It is wonderful to know that there is a great hunger in the prisons for the word of God and we are still able to minister in spite of the lock-down. Praise God for answered prayer. We continue praying however, for openings in Iba and Pampanga Provincial Jails.

FRIENDS IN NEED

We would like to thank all those who joined in prayer and support for **Maily** (former houseparent in POCCH, and overseer of the Boy's Halfway House). She is now at home with her family and is recovering. Doctors traced a thyroid infection which caused the swelling and caused the kidney problems. We Thank God that she didn't have to have major surgery or Dialysis. She and her family are very grateful for the support for her medical needs whilst in hospital, but she still needs weekly laboratory test and checkups for her kidney and thyroid to ensure that the medication is working. She is still feeling very weak. She cannot work or do much at home and in her condition her husband is unable to work also. Please continue to pray for them and POC, as we are doing the best we can to help them in this situation.



While we were tending to the needs of Maily, we received the devastating news that **Thelma** (who worked many years as head houseparent in our Boys House) was diagnosed with **stage 4 lung cancer**. She remains positive and is trusting the Lord in spite of her circumstances. God has provided the finances for her care thus far. As 'Brits' it's hard for us to think that before medical care can be chosen patients have to first consider the financial implications, even for palliative care. Many patients in the Philippines endure cancer with little more than paracetamol for pain. The Arguilla family are praying for miracles of both healing and financial provision. Her husband Lito and daughters, Debs and Hannah, greatly value your prayers as they go through this ordeal.

- Monique & Chrissy

MORE UPDATES

Please pray for Monique and Simeon. Their house is nearing completion and they are hoping to move soon. Please pray that the Lord will supply all their needs. Dondie and I are in another race against time. We are being evicted by mid-September and our new house is not even close to being ready. The engineer tells us that materials paid for prior to the lock-down have not yet arrived. So please pray that we won't be homeless!! We would like to thank all our sponsors and partners for your love and support especially during these trying times. Our prayer is that the Lord will protect and prosper you in spite of predicted difficulties as our countries start their economic recovery. God Bless!

Love in Christ,

- Chrissy, Dondie and your POCM Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

Financial provision for all our ministries during this time of attempted economic recovery.

Please continue to pray for **Maily's recovery and a miracle for Thelma**

Please pray for an open door for recorded ministry for Iba & San Fernando prison ministry.

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

Success of the "School's Not Out" Grant Request.

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