For I know the plans I have for you Plans to prosper you and not to harm you; Plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



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WORDS TO PONDER

Greetings in the most precious name of Jesus!

Glory to God in the highest who has bestowed us His one and only beloved Son, Jesus.

Our life here on earth is a daily battle that each one of us should consider. It doesn't matter where you are or who you are, what is the status of your life, standard, or culture are; whether you are young or old, infant or a child, you are not exempted because this battle is not talking about our age, power, wealth, position, being famous or about our ego or pride, this battle is between life and death. Awareness often becomes the last option to many. Health experts provides us with guidelines on how to prevent sickness or diseases in order for us to stay healthy and physically fit or strong. Preparedness and awareness are imposed so we can rightly face the battle over harmful diseases and live healthy.

On the other hand, it does not mean because you are physically fit or healthy you will not die. Death succumbs our spirit and our soul through different forms: war, deadly sport, accident, suicide, disease, murder, mental illness, depression, abuse, broken relationships, bad companies, lies, fears, and other forms of attack we are not aware of that takes place anywhere on land, on water, in the air, in public or in private places. Death comes without notice like an enemy whose mission is to kill, to steal, and to destroy but the good news is, Jesus came to give life abundant. "The thief cometh only to steal, to kill, and to destroy: I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

The story in Luke 16:19-31 about Lazarus and the rich man is showing us the fact that there is life after death. Both died and went to different destination one in the place of comfort and the other one to the place of torment. One is at peace while the other is disturbed because of fear for his loved ones who are still alive on earth and who doesn't know exactly what life is MPFG PHILIPPINES NEWS LETTER 2016

after death. Preparedness or awareness are absent in the life of many. This man woke up in hell (v.23) without any awareness before he died. But God is faithful He provides us the way. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16-17) This is hope, this is life eternal for everyone who believes in Jesus.

One of the children who are now in our refuge center when asked if he is excited about heaven responded "YES" I am excited with a big smile on his face. Why? It is because Jesus is living in my heart and He will take me to heaven when He comes again. What a wonderful faith in the heart of a child. Fatherless and no mother to look after them after their mother went to live with another man, these children were rescued and are now under the supervision of our refuge project. A temporary room was built for them in our caring network area and is now having a tutorial class and other activity to enhance their focus in preparation and awareness for their future holistically. Healthy food and snacks are served too. We can only give with what we have and that is the love that we have received from God, our father in heaven and from those who have generously contributed to the project. Thank you so much. How amazing God is for making all things possible. This is how the love of our heavenly Father flows through us. Isaiah says: "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou sees the naked that thou cover him, and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall your light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the alory of the LORD shall be your reward." (Isaiah 58:7&8)

The greatest tragedy in life according to Miles Monroe is not death but a life without purpose. The question is, how should we live our lives while we have still the opportunity now? The choice is yours. Jesus said; "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) Have His way in your life, God loves you and wants you to have that eternal life with Him in heaven. "...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31) "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36) May God's light shines upon you today as He unlock that chains of darkness over your life in the name of Jesus! Now you are free indeed. Let us go, let us tell the world; let us make a difference.

Ps Primrose & Joe Chavez
MPFG Philippines

INSPIRING STORIES

Maria Siasico is a mother of E060 Michael Jay Siasico whom we considered one of our inspiring stories to share. Maria was born with polio but this didn't stop her to move forward in life until she got married. She and her husband with Michael Jay are living in one of the slums in Bacolod whose house are hanging on the side of the river. Her husband is working as a junk collector in their place as his means of living. Maria's disability did not stop her of going to church to worship every Sunday with her son, Michael Jay. There is no absence of smile on her face each time we talked to her and we can never ever sense any glimpse of negativity about her condition. Maria is the picture of a power within her. This is the power of joy and contentment and the

hope eternal in Christ Jesus, our Lord within her. Maria is very thankful and blessed that God answered her prayer for her son, Michael Jay, to go to school with enough provision for his studies through MPFG. Michael Jay is always excited of going to school and doing well in his studies. Many people witnessed how blessed Maria's life now than before. Her life has been an inspiration to us and to her family. Maria's life taught us on how to deal with the situation we could not run away but to face it with all possibility that with God nothing is impossible. To God be the glory!



<u>MPFG child, E054 Andrey Launio and E063 Rhoden Launio</u> with their family lives near the seashore. Their father is working as a casual construction worker. As a casual worker, he is having hard times looking for work sometimes if there is no place available for his skill. His only way to sustain their family needs if work is not



available is to go fishing with his friends or neighbor but also fail if the bad weather hits the place. Many of the families in this area suffered for lack of food during stormy seasons. This difficult situation of the family does not hinder Andrey and Rhoden to excel in school with good accomplishments at the end of the school year. Their father and mother were very thankful to God for the provision He has given them especially to see their children continued in their studies through the support of MPFG. Their whole family is now coming to worship in the house church in Tangub every Sunday afternoon. Their father and mother sets a really good example of encouragement for them as they keep going

in life despite all odds. Their hope and trust in God serves as an inspiration to them as a family. Many parents easily gives up and never mind about the future of their children but these parents rise up and wait upon God for His continued provision for them. They also extend their thanks to their sponsors for their generosity and continued support. Nothing is impossible as we put our hope and trust in the living God. Truly our God is an awesome God!

A015 Risa Chisno, A011 Raquel Chisno, & A012 Roxanne Chisno and their family are living in Abada Eskay which is one of the relocation sites in Bacolod. After visiting and praying for this family whose mother were sick at the moment due to eye problem, our hearts were so inspired hearing their story. As we came to pray for their mother whose right eye was blinded due to a mild stroke, their mother told us with a teary eye how inspired she was with her daughters (Risa, Raquel and Roxanne) who never left her in the situation. Their mother shared how worried and frustrated she was and kept crying because there's nothing she can do to

help in their family's need because she is required to rest and cannot do any household chores at the moment including her extra job as a laundry worker. But to her surprised without being asked her daughters happily help each other and shoulder all the household chores in the house for her and eventually do her laundry work during



weekends while their father is away for his work as a casual carpenter and do the small business that they have which was provided by their generous sponsors. They also make sure that their mother is well before leaving for school. Their mother is a hardworking mother and faithfully coming to MPFG Worship Center every Sunday to worship with them. Their story is truly an inspiration to many children who truly care and honor their parents even in difficult times. Risa, Raquel, and Roxanne, is a good picture for many children nowadays to follow and make their parents proud of them. We at MPFG salute you girls. God bless you more! Keep up the good work.



"Summer Training and Graduation"

MPFG Summer Training Class are held during school holidays which started from the month of April to May. School holidays is an opportunity for us to gather the children from different places for our Summer Training Classes with the Theme: "Follow me by Faith to the Promise". Every summer is a great experience and a new level of learning for MPFG kids. Volunteered teachers, after giving the lessons are preparing some games and other activities that helps the children stay focus and get more interested. Lunch and snacks are served during classes too by our faithful food committee. Graduation took place in two different places which were at City Harvest Church building and at Abada Eskay basketball court since we cannot fit everyone in one building. Ps Kevin and Lyn Donohue, Ps Lyndon and Maureen Shepherd, Caithlin Lewis, Ps Lyndon Russel, Callum Bensemann, Gavin Steel, Janet Jenkins, Valerie Griggs, Ken Morey, Noel and Beckie Eagling were the special guests during the graduation. Special dance presentation were rendered by each department too during the program. Glory to God, Almighty!











"Distribution of School Supplies"

Distribution of school supplies takes place before the opening of the next school year. After the exciting moments from the camp, MPFG staff and volunteers have to shift their gears to another step and that is to organize the marketing in preparation for the school supplies distribution in different places. Supplies includes: uniform, shoes, bags, notebooks, pad papers, pens and pencils, crayons, erasers, sharpeners, wall papers, & pencil cases. Conference with parents is also taking place before the distribution of supplies. We are so much thankful before God for His continued provision through sponsors who have generously given their support to the children and to the program. We are all excited to see the change and the progress that are happening in the life of each child every year. We always acknowledge your love and support that without it we cannot reach this far. Our dream, our desire, is to see this next generation of leaders achieve their dreams and live in their God-given potentials and to make a difference in the community where they live and to the nations around them giving glory to God. God bless you more for your continued love and support.







Pastors Appreciation Night

Month of October is a special month which is called, "Pastors Appreciation" month. We knew that this celebration is being held by different group of churches around the globe. City Harvest Church family of leaders in Bacolod, Philippines, hosted the event (Pastors Appreciation Night) with BMI pastors in the area who gladly came last October 19, 2016. It was a double celebration since our beloved pastor, Pastor Primrose Chavez is also celebrating her birthday. Selected MPFG College and High school









students were there to usher and cater the Pastors to their perspective seats and keep them seated back and relaxed while the program was going on. B011_ Austin Rehmat and B005_Ashna Rehmat served as the master of the ceremony of the program. Interpretative Dance presentation was also presented by B007_Elene Joyce Espino, E071_Adrian Bacan, E015_Rona Mae Jamelo, E025_









gave an appreciation words for pastors were: Menchie Ejosa, D028 Joshua Ejosa, B029 Chelimore Valero, and Michael Chavez. CHC leaders shared their appreciation too on how blessed they were for having a wonderful Pastors around them. The night was indeed a heartfelt experienced for pastors who with a teary-eyed appreciated every one for those wonderful words of appreciation for their untiring work in God's kingdom from both young

People and leaders of City Harvest Church who were present during the night. The event closed with the distribution of appreciation certificate and a token for both pastors and their wives. Glory to God! "The Elders



who direct the affairs of the Church well are worthy of Double Honor, especially those whose work in preaching and teaching." (1 Timothy 5:17)

Youth Revival

MPFG College and Selected High school students were the one who organized and facilitated the youth revival last October 27, 2016 at City Harvest Church. It was indeed a great privileged for the MPFG College and High school students to host one of the big events at City Harvest Church in Bacolod. Senior Pastors of City Harvest

Church, Pastor Joe and Primrose Chavez, challenged the team to take the next level of service by hosting this kind of event as part of their training as young leaders of tomorrow. Last October 19 was already a great experienced for them as they served and ushered people. This time they were up to take the next challenge and Yes! It was indeed another successful event. Lots of young people attended that night. The night was awesome. We all felt the moving of God's presence as the word of God was being preached



in the midst and as the team stands representing the Kingdom of God. Fire from heaven ignites every heart. Weeping and kneeling down in surrender before God. Prayer was also rendered for the cities and to all nations around the world. Yes we can make a difference and make a change in Jesus' name! To God be the Glory!

CHRISTMAS ENCOUNTER

Celebrating Christmas isn't about fun and enjoyment but receiving the greatest gift which is Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Christmas is the perfect time to ponder why the whole

world is celebrating Christ' birth. We love to celebrate the significance of Christmas and want others to know its true meaning. Christmas encounter that was held last December 9, 2016 is an opportunity for us to invite friends and other people in order for them to hear the message of salvation. About 150 people filled the place. Many of those who were invited encountered God in their lives that night. Jesus vs Santa video clip was also played as part of the







that can only offer temporary joy and things but Jesus gives eternal joy and eternal life in heaven. Santa ride on his ski but Jesus ride on a donkey and died on the cross. Santa fills the human eyes with earthly gifts but Jesus fills the heart with joy unspeakable and with God's wonderful love. This was followed by a life changing message shared by Pastor Joe Chavez. Candle Lighting took place after while the soft sound of music was playing "O holy night". The lighting of candles symbolizes that the coming of Jesus into the world is a picture of light that shines in darkness and





by believing in Him our life will not stay in the dark side of the world but we will walk in the light with Him. As the candle light keep shining, Pastor Primrose minister through a song ("He's the Greatest Gift of All ") and pray for everyone. The night of an event left us astounded with nothing else to say but to thank God for the great things He has done.



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Gift Giving

Christmas Gift giving is the most awaited time for all the children every year wherein most of them were excited to received their gift. Gift Giving were done in different places which are: City Harvest Church (which includes Abuanan, Celine, Tangub, Fortune Towne kids and some kids from other places), Abada Eskay, and Murcia. Gift giving for high school and college were done in separate times and dates too. Games and other surprises were enjoyed after hearing the message. The message of hope in Christ alone. Many of the children too have received gifts and Christmas cards from their sponsors and their families.



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Caring Network

Room make over was done to the family of A035 RJ, A056 Mark Antonio A034 Mirasol

Antonio at Abada Eskay last August 2016 by our caring network team. The family Antonio has no house of

their own and were wondering around places. The house was lend to them by a friend who have seen









their situation and let them use the house temporarily. The house has only one room and the whole family is sleeping on the concrete flooring during the night and use it as their dining during the day. The situation reached unto us and organized the team to do

something to help the family. Second hand stuff then like beds, bedsheets, and blankets were prepared for the room makeover. The purpose is also to educate the family on how to be organized even just in little things and to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings and to observe proper hygiene to prevent children from sickness

and other so-called diseases. We are all happy to see the transformation that took place within a few hours of working together as a team in our goal to extend more help to more families.

E003 Joseph Artista is one of the MPFG child who lives with his family in one of the slums in Bacolod. Their house are hanging on the side of a creek and often endangered when typhoon is around. Joseph's mother was first admitted to the hospital due to ectopic pregnancy. Since no one in the family was available to look after his mum so Joseph volunteered to look after his mother for his father has work during nighttime and E0__ Edmond the eldest in the family came just nighttime to assist since his class ended up 7pm in



the evening. Edmond is one of the graduating college this year. The next day due to fatigue and lack of rest over watching her mom, Joseph started coughing with phlegm stained with blood. Their father was on panic



and crying when he called us he didn't know what to do with the situation as they have other younger kids back home to look after and at the same time he also lost his job due to many absences in his work as a casual baker because of the tragedy. We then prayed and advised him to immediately admit Joseph as well. Edmond came to us at the house crying and about to lost hope. We have prayed and comforted him and encouraged him to stay strong for God will never leave them in their struggle as they put their trust in Him. The Caring Network team came by night

to visit and pray with more supplies for the family. We were all shocked seeing Joseph on a wheelchair for two consecutive days in the public hospital with an old woman sick with tumor in a very small room without good

ventilation because of bed shortage and overcrowded rooms. We then decided to transfer Joseph to a private hospital in the south of Bacolod which had only one room available that night. God is good. We went back home at dawn about 2am in the morning after seeing Joseph was fine and rested well in the room. Joseph recovered and went back home three days after. His mother too went out of the hospital two days ahead of him. We never



stop visiting and giving the family their supplies until their father find another job. Joseph and his family were very grateful to God for His amazing love and provision. They are also extending their thanks to their sponsors for their faithful prayers and generous support. Joseph will continue his studies as one of the college student this year. Joseph and his family are faithfully coming to the church and worship God. God is faithful and He will always be.









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Campus Ministry

One of the way for us to connect with the youth especially in school is through campus ministry. City Harvest Church Senior Pastors, Pastor Joe and Primrose Chavez, gathered the MPFG College students to get involved and lead this ministry. Indeed it is a great challenged and a new level of experienced for them to facilitate and



invite their friends/classmates to come in the meeting. They also sacrificially contributed some of their pocket money to buy some snacks for everyone after. The Campus Ministry started last August 2016 and there were about 50 students who came and continually desire the fellowship that is done every Wednesday during school days. Many of those who came felt blessed and accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. God is indeed so good and moving in the place. Praying and looking forward for more souls to be saved.

School Visit 2016

MPFG Staff was schedule to visit MPFG Children in different school every Monday. The Purpose was to see them if they are attending and doing well in their studies. Team monitor them if they are doing good and attending classes each day and how they behave at school. Their sponsors gave their best to support this children so that they are able to go to school.





And also to make sure that the students will have a great future ahead. It is always good to hear about the progress of the students from their own teacher. This is to know if the child is slow learner and has unfinished project.









"Youth Camp 2016"

Youth Camp is one the most exciting event for the youth every year. MPFG College and high school students are engaged to join in this event except those who have valid reason for not coming. The activity includes teaching sessions, sports, and games during the day. Every activity helped enhance the youth holistically. Preaching and ministry are happening during the night with Ps Kevin Donohue. As the word was being preached to them, the power of the Holy Spirit was felt around touching each hearts. The rest of the Australian team with Filipino ministers were there to minister those who came forward for prayer. Great change from the inside out are taking place in the lives of the youth as the love of God moved and filled them. Water baptism then follow in the last day for all who wants to be baptized that day. God is so good!

































Please pray for the following:

- 1. Refuge Project continued provision.
- 2. Caring Network Generating Income to increase and supplies.
- 3. Volunteer workers and children's protection and health.
- 4. MPFG College students, High school, & Elementary.
- 5. Summer Training 2017
- 6. The coming Aussie Team with Ps Kevin Donohue on April 2017.
- 7. The Youth Camp 2017.
- 8. Palawan Trip and proposed MPFG opening in the place.
- 9. MPFG fields and workers.
- 10. Wisdom and Direction for 2017.

We truly appreciate your continued prayers and financial support. May the Lord bless us with a much stronger relationship as we partner and serve together in the work of God's kingdom. Thank you so much to each one of you and to your family for your generosity. May the Lord bless you and prosper every work of your hands. Thank you for making MPFG as part of your life's journey here on earth. God Bless Us All!

"Let us not grow weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." (Galatians 6:9)