

MPFG Newsletter

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WORDS TO PONDER

A Blessed 2015 to everyone! As we face the new challenges that this year brings, we are uncertain of the time or of the season for every challenge but we know indeed it will surely come. How strong the storm and how rough the road maybe, how deep and wide the ocean we will be crossing, or how high the mountains we will be climbing, let us gird ourselves up with the new strength from the most high God who alone can turn night into day and gives breath to every living creature on earth, ruler of the universe. Crossing over requires determination, courage, and faith to overcome every obstacles that are coming on our way. In Joshua 1v9, the Lord told Joshua "Have I not commanded you be strong and courageous, do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." We are living in the world where darkness tries to rule and vacuum our faith until that we want to give up and come into that realization of being lost, captured by fear, anxiety, discouragement, selfishness, and hopelessness because we forget our existence and purpose are in God's hand. We tend to live below our circumstances not above it. As we put our trust in Jesus as the author

and finisher of our faith let us bear in mind, we are not alone in our journey, we have our Immanuel! Let us be strong and not fear for God is with us and He knows all things.

Achievers don't easily quit, they have a clear vision and direction in life. They have a very strong sense of purpose and work hard to achieve their goals. Risk is often the stamina how to make things happen today or tomorrow. What they've achieved in life is not a reward but the fulfillment of purpose while they live. What are we living for? What on earth am I here for? Is it only for a reward or for the fulfillment of our life's purpose? May the Lord direct us with wisdom into His plan and purpose this 2015. Enjoy the journey. Let us keep up the great job for Him and hear Him say, **"Thou good and faithful servant... come and share your Master's happiness."** - *Matthew 25v21*



Blessings,
Ps Primrose & Joe Chavez



MPFG VISION

MPFG's vision and faith is to build lives of the future. We are preparing the generation of leaders that will lead a competent life without fear and ready to face the challenges of life in the future.

Thank you everyone for making MPFG your choice of field to sow your seeds. Seeds that will grow and make a difference in the world.

May our relationship as partners together continue to be strong as we see our dream fulfilled. God is with us!

A special thanks from the bottom of our hearts to all of you. Be richly blessed in Jesus!

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CHRISTMAS EVENT DECEMBER 2014



MPFG Christmas celebration was moved from 6th to the 13th of December, 2014 due to the expected super typhoon warning. The good news was it turned weaker when it landed into our place which was an answered prayer for everyone, God is great. The event was such a wonderful time for each one celebrating the birth of our king and Lord, Jesus Christ.

One of the thing in the program that brought excitement to the children was the “making of lantern” contest using recycled and indigenous materials. Representatives from different places did their best effort to finish their lantern before the deadline of entry. How amazed we were upon seeing their creativity and strength to finish it before the given deadline. The biggest one was declared winner which was made of tree leaves, fruit skin, paper plates, and drinking straw. The creation were headed by the Camingawan sisters (Cherry Ann B043, Vergie B044, & Ma. Fe B045) from Fortune town. About an eight feet tall Christmas tree made of plastic wrappers (shampoo & soap powder sachets, biscuits, candies, etc.) was also displayed. Five of the participating places which are: Abada Eskay, Abuanan, Tangub, Fortune Towne, & Sunriser received each their gift packs from MPFG. After the Christmas message from Ps Joe Chavez, special presentation, & games, gift giving followed. Food packs was served afterward.



About 36 children received Christmas gift from their sponsors last December 2014



and were able to take back home their Christmas food and cash for those with extra amount for the family. Also one particular family (The Chisno's A011, A012, & A015) have received a special gift from a generous sponsor which is a

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livelihood (frozen food business) for family to gain an income for their daily needs, which is truly a great help. Christmas cards and wrapped gifts was also distributed to children from sponsors. **Jerry Delez** A062



also received a gift from his sponsor for his vitamins and food. Jerry became sick when he turned

five due to lack of nutrients in his bones that causes swelling on his legs & that often obliged confinement in the hospital. His mother who is a widow with five more children left at home to take care, didn't lost hope trusting God's provision and healing for Jerry. With much prayer and help received. Jerry is now recovering and enjoying school. God is so good!

The Christmas party in the feeding programs which are located in Tangub



Abuanan, and Celine led by the college students was also a success.



Hinna Rehmat, our former mpfg graduate who is now working in Manila as a receptionist in the bank, came home in Bacolod last Christmas and helped in the program. She also shared some gifts to give away to the children with other college students who are teaching children in the place with other volunteers. Praying for more of God's provision for these places to reach out more children. "Jesus, the greatest gift of all, glory to the King" was the theme of the celebration.

THE YOUNG BIG HEARTS

Big hearts are not always found in big people but with children who sees what adult didn't see and felt as well. Even Jesus in one of His



sermon He mentioned, "Let the little children come to me and forbid them not for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." - Mark 10v14

Our appreciation to the fourteen year old **Lilli Hessenberger** daughter of

Ps Darren and Nikki Hessenberger from Highland, NSW who was able to raised \$700AU through selling some chocolates in their school for **MPFG** program during their visit last October 2015 that truly inspired us.



Also the story of how the students from **CHCS** (*Circular Head Christian School*) raised fund headed by **Wayne and Pat Blazely** from *Burnie*

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who has been our faithful partners in many years.

The children came with a fancy hairstyle and pay a gold coin for the privilege and put their coins in line. That day they were able to raised \$700AU too to pay for the children they are sponsoring. Ps Maureen Shepherd and Ps Andrew Goelst also came to support the MPFG Fundraiser Event that happened last June 2014. Also a little girl, Amy Eats coming from the same school who is about 7/ 8 years of age commit to support one child too. Aren't they all amazing?



The lovely Isabel Goelst, daughter of Ps Andrew and Jaqueline Goelst have donated her laptop to college student Ascher Chavez E026 who are really praying she could have one for her study which is truly a great help.

Mowbray Heighs Primary School students have donated \$187.50 that

was received by Ps Maureen Shepherd



which was organized by the 4 student representative council for a sewing machine which is intended for the Caring Network's project to help mothers in the slum. They are only but of few children out of millions who are making a difference in this world.

BACK TO CHURCH 2014



MPFG families joined the "Back to Church" event which was held last 28th of December. The event was about inviting unchurched people to



come and joined the celebration of Christ birth at City Harvest Church. About 300 people not including children filled the stadium. Almost of the MPFG college has played a great role for the success of the event. The program was composed of different presentation like drama, dance, message, and testimonies. The MPFG kids who were: Mia Ambi E011 and Joshua Ejosa D028 acted as Mary and Joseph. Crislyn Acosta B075, Alpha Grace E025, Princess Joy E042 performed an interpretative Christmas dance entitled, "Away in a Manger" led by Cherry Ann Camingawan B043. Edmond Artista E002 was the artist who made all the design on stage (props, and paintings) they used in drama.

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We truly appreciate the effort that this young man had done along with others who have assisted him. Ashna Rehmat B005 directed the drama, performed by: Rona Mae Jamelo E015, Elene Joyce Espino B007, Emil Grace Owogowog B016, Sharon Rose Bestiva B008, Chelimir Valero B029, Austin Rehmat B011, Joshua Ejosa D028, Michael Chavez E001, Tony, Jireh, and Adrian. Others from Abada Eskay (Ralyn Novera A037, Rachelle Dumasig A031, Marvin Dave Satam A050, Julius Dum Dum A004, John Rey Arancanon A001, Bevencia Dum Dum A017, Carlene Neones A014, Loremar Hinay A024, Christian Sanz A003 served as marshals, ushers, and food committee. Laarni Pabila and Phoebe Hope Chavez served as the masters of the ceremony in the event. Projector controller: Jessica Agaya D017, & Hannah Grace Agua D001. Without photos we cannot glance back at all of the joyous moment that took place in the event. Camera, recording, and sound by Jireh Chavez and Edward Mondejar, from Abuanan who helped facilitate with five others (Jireh, Phoebe, Ashna, Laarni, & Tony). Great job everyone! What a great night it was with a little rain showers that has kept everyone cool. All were blessed and glorify God for all that He has done.

THE CARING NETWORK

Thank God for all the generous donors during my visit last July 2014 in the cold and beautiful place of

Tasmania that also invites new sponsors in the program during the Christmas Dinner at Tamar Valley Christian Church which is regularly organized by our beloved and faithful partners Ps Maureen & Lyndon Shepherd and Ps Jacqueline & Andrew Goelst with the blessing and support of Ps Kevin Donohue & Lyn Donohue and of the Caring Network staff. Truly enjoy my time with the warmth welcome, hospitality, and love of our MPFG family and friends. Also my deepest appreciation and thanks to everyone who have shared their benevolence and prayers during my operation. Thank you so Much!



Thank you for those ladies headed by Ps Maureen Shepherd who have

invested to the project and friends whose desire is to lift up the life of the poor in the society. The total donation was around \$2222.50AU. God is so good!

We were able to have two heavy duty machines and two normal ones which is use by some of the mothers who has the skill in sewing. Hundreds of curtains and pillow cases were already sold and help assist them in their financial need.

Jessa is one of the mothers



who came from the slums. Her husband has no permanent job that makes life of more difficult for them but her time working in the caring network has helped lessen the burden. Like other mothers, she desire to develop more of her skill in sewing to help family.

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Caring Network serves as the channel of blessing to these mothers not only to the one who sews but to those who are selling as well. We are also looking for a tailor to train willing men in sewing jersey (sport's wear) in earning more income so we could extend more help and to get another heavy duty overlap/edging machine. As we see the project moving little by little, the Lord is teaching us how to manage it well with wisdom and believe for the furtherance of the work to help more mothers and their families in the future. Thank you so much everyone for partnering with us in this mission to give hope and bring transformation into the community. God bless you all for your generosity.

The Boarding House

Ps Joe and Primrose Chavez' house served as the boarding house for the 3 living students and one orphan who shares with their children's room. As an orphan, Adrian Bacan 18 years of age, was left by his single mother to his grandmother when he was only 3 years old with his 1 year old sister to have family of her own.



His younger sister was left to live with his relatives. When Adrian's grandmother died, his hope also died. He doesn't know where to go until he was able to found his new home at City Harvest Church and came to know God and live with his people. Adrian now serve as one of the musicians in the church and hope to continue his studies this school year, 2015 as the Lord provides for him. Adrian is only one of the many orphan around who are looking for a home. Ian Paul Francisco whose real name is also Adrian just turned 7 years old and now a grade one student at Estefania Elementary school & was kept in the Chavez family since birth as his family could not afford to feed and sustain the medication for him. He was born cesarean with blood infection (sepsis) and almost died in the womb of his mother if not rushed up quickly to the hospital and stayed there for almost one

month. He is now visiting his family and enjoying school. Love church family as well. MPFG with God's faithful provision through our generous donors, continue in the mission to give hope and a bright future to the next generation. (Jeremiah 29v11)

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Summer Training and Camp 2015
2. Bus Project (Fund Raising)
3. College Provision and continued funds for coming to college this year, 2015
4. Caring Network Relief operations to continue and the sewing project.
5. Boarding House for students and orphans provision.
6. Feeding Programs and Volunteers.

Thank you everyone for your faithful commitment in the program. Your gift and generous contributions/donations to the above points with specific needs are so much appreciated. May the Lord bless and empower us all as we follow the path of transforming lives and families this 2015. God Richly Bless us all! To God Almighty belongs all the glory!

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