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Buckets For Jesus Newsletter August 2017



Dear Friends, Families, Loved Ones, Donors and Volunteers,

Praise God for safe travels back to our homeward destinations after a two-week mission in the Philippines! We would like to thank you very much for your support, donations and prayers for it.

Besides our usual outreach sites, we were lead to numerous new ones to do outreaches, including schools, orphanages and the Dumaguete Diocese's weekly feeding program. The kids were blessed with Schoolbags, Bible Comics, Rosaries and quality time with BFJ missionaries.

Health issues and the bad weather were major obstacles during this July mission, particularly in Manila, where our planned outreaches in Quezon and Malabon had to be called off due to floods making the areas inaccessible. Ruby also soldiered on through the mission despite being down with a bad cough for most of the mission.

We could not have done our missions without all the workers in the vineyard, especially Joycelynn Poon, Helen Tan, Marjan Hutton, Rita Bucoy, Roselia Bucoy, Roseller Bucoy, Arturo Mondejar and Greg and Matthew Brimble. Our son Michael joined us for the Manila sector.

We're now all back in our respective hometowns, recovered, recuperated and ready for what's ahead, especially our upcoming fundraisers and the annual Schoolbags For Jesus project. We have also been blessed to have a new BFJ Centre, where we will be packing and receiving donations and hosting various fundraising events such as a wine and cheese night and a Christmas Bazaar.

Over the next few pages, you will see how many were blessed during the mission and we hope you will be touched by what you're going to see and may God Bless you abundantly for your generous help for the poor!

Mike, Ruby and the Buckets For Jesus Team

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Cebu - Missionaries of Charity

No Buckets for Jesus missions in Cebu can be complete without a visit to these special and lovable children at the Missionaries of Charity in Pasil!

These kids were picked up by the nuns upon being found abandoned in the streets and the Philippine legal system has plenty of obstacles to clear if they are to be adopted overseas.

Pray for these children and the nuns and volunteers who care for them.



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Cebu - Missionaries of the Poor

Touching moments like this...

Keeps us coming back to the missions. The much needed hugs and cuddles for these orphans at Missionaries of the Poor and Missionaries of Charity are still in your arms.

Spare a moment to blow them a hug and pray for the least among us who may grow up never having a parent to love and nourish them.

We have visited these children for 8 years now, and some of them are still there since the first visit we made to MOP.



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Cebu - San Isidro Central School

Through Buckets For Jesus, God blessed 500 children with Schoolbags for Jesus and the joy on their faces were priceless! The school children were from San Isidro Central School in Talisay, Cebu with the majority of kids come from poor families. We prayed, praised & worship, fellowship and spent time with the kids and their teachers and Principal, who received Bibles and Rosaries for their Catechists to use. Jesus, **"From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise"** Matt 21:16



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Cebu - Tabunok Slum Outreach

Our outreach with YWAM Cebu led by Joel and Lucille Hapa yesterday was deeply touching how much the kids in the slums of Sambag, Tabunok know the Word of God. Despite their poverty, their deep faith more than make up for their lack in this world.

When we gave Bibles to them, they eagerly cherished and started reading. May God bless them with good health, peace & joy...

"I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Matt 11:25





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Bogo Visit

No mission is complete without a visit to Housing For Jesus, despite the 3 hour drive north, a ministry dearest to our hearts...our homeless disaster victims friends whom you adopted 3 years ago and still ongoing! God bless all generous hearts who donated these homes to the homeless! HFJ Phase 3 is open for adoption of families.

Special thanks to Tanya Rivka Dy-Peque and Joseph Reygan and Ezra who join us and provided the yummy snacks! Bless your hearts!



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Little Children of Philippines Home, Dumaguete

At our last month's visit to this growing number of orphans, we found out that there are 3 types of age groups that need help. One is the Young Women with 20 young girls age 12-16,

The Young Men with the same age group and finally the Little Children, age 1 to 11 which are still eligible for adoption.

Please pray for this orphanage as there is not enough beds to accommodate more orphans waiting to join them.



Barangay Buntis, Bacong Outreach

We visited this very remote place and the parish priest of Bacong district, Msgr Julius came along to guide us to the hills. There were easily 200 street children needing help to go to school. Some very bright ones are not able to attend out of lack and unable to afford books and school supplies.

Pray for sponsors to come forward to help these kids attain education and rise from poverty...it only cost a cup of coffee a week. Local priests will monitor the sponsorship, make sure the kids study and even send you their report cards!



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Dumaguete Cathedral Outreach

BFJ supported the feeding program of the Diocese of Dumaguete by preparing lunch for them including 2 dozen elderly folks who are the city's neediest. There were 75-100 children are mostly street kids and ages from 3-16 while there were 3 dozen old folks who join the lunch.

The nuns and seminarians who train these kids for Catechism classes did a great job in teaching the kids about their faith. Bibles and Rosaries were much welcome and grateful to God these donations reached the hands of those who need them most.



Santo Nino Orphanage, Dumaguete

Another orphanage we visited which is endangered of closure due to lack of funding. There are only 36 kids here but half of them are physically challenged.

Unlike the other orphanages we ministered here, we find this center the one that needs utmost help mostly due to the physically handicapped children who are not mobile and need more caring.

Pray for more funding and help for these children, its bad enough they are orphans, their physical and mental needs are a great challenge to them and their carers.



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Outreach at Ursuline Sisters

The Super Ursulines are always inspirational and hospitable! For looking after young minds at St Joseph School including LynLyn and Joseph. Thank you Ursuline Sisters for your love & tenacity and for the yummy lunch!



A moment in the making... 5 years later

Marjan adopted St Joseph's Elementary schoolgirl Rosalyn, also known as 'LynLyn' when she came on mission 5 years ago. Whenever we visited the Ursulines in the past 4 years, we saw her grow and she informs us about her progress in school.



Marjan's third mission was made even more special as she got to meet her sponsor child she adopted back then, who was very elated and teary upon seeing Marjan.

Cribs Foundation Orphanage

Our first day of missions in Manila lead us to not one, but two new outreach venues!

Our first stop was the Cribs Foundation Orphanage, who care for infants and toddlers who were abandoned by their families.

We relieved their carers by playing with and praying for these precious little ones, who were so thrilled to have visitors like us and did not want us to leave. Please pray for support for them.



Merixtell Children's Home

Our final stop for first day of missions in Manila was the Merixtell Children's Home, where not only did we play with the kids and give out Bible Comics, toys, clothes and Rosaries to them. They even entertained us with their dancing!

Like the Cribs Foundation Home, they felt blessed to be in the presence of visiting missionaries God Bless these orphans and their carers!



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Outreach at Ursuline Sisters

On our final day of mission, we braved the rain & flood to visit the Missionaries of Charity in Tondo... They look after orphans & abandoned children, some of which are disabled and unable to care or fend for themselves. Unfortunately, photography was not permitted at the MOC.

Pray for the Missionaries that they will get support & donations from the community, to do their loving work in the name of Jesus.



Missionaries Of The Poor, Manila

Amongst the richness of the Makati Metro area is the San Andres Bukid urban poor area, home of the Manila Missionaries Of The Poor. We did our final outreaches here, and many of the street kids were no stranger to us as we gave them Schoolbags in our January mission.

Besides their street children ministry, the MOP brothers and volunteers look after disabled children and the elderly, whom we spent time with to make use of our final outreach of our July mission.



Challenges and Obstacles during Manila Missions

The rainy season in Manila proved a major obstacle for that sector, as heavy rains forced cancellations for our entire second day of outreaches as the areas we were supposed to go to were inaccessible due to flooding.

Health issues was also another issue with Ruby suffering a bad cough throughout most of the mission.

In every way we're troubled but not crushed, frustrated but not in despair, persecuted but not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed. 2 Cor 4:8



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Thank You Justin Uy and ProFoods!

On our last day in Cebu, Buckets For Jesus had the privilege to meet Philippines Mango King, Mr Justin Uy of ProFoods. He owns 80% of dried fruits manufacturing in the Philippines, including global distribution and investments in commercial property.

Justin is a nice and humble guy who gives back to the needy children & family supports Buckets For Jesus with accommodation in Cebu & also donation of juices to the needy community.

Blessed is he who gives, for he shall receive abundantly.



Thanks A Million Fraser Place!

No words can express our gratitude to God for giving us mission partners like Frasers Hospitality and hosting our Manila mission from the beginning in 2009 till now, making it possible for us to reach out to the neediest. You are God-sent, and may God continue to bless Frasers Hospitality, their CEO Mr Choe Peng Sum, GM Mr Jobel Ramos and the amazing Fraser Place Manila team!

Dear friends, when you travel, check out & support this fantastic hospitality group with a big heart! www.frasershospitality.com



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Dedication and Blessing of Buckets For Jesus Centre

Praise God for His Divine Providence, the Lord has provided a dedicated home for our cause for the poorest of the poor. We give thanks to Him for sending Fr Sharbel Hayward to bless this beautiful premises.

A Big Thank you also our dearest and faithful of friends who took the time to share this special day with us like Lucy, Katarina, Elsa, Lesley, Joe & Josephine D'Allessandro, Ida & Derek, Marjan & Dave, and Juliana and Mark Amin who lovingly sponsored our sumptuous JBento lunches and many more who couldn't be with us that day like Jill Byrne, Jill Tan, Minalie Fernando, Yenny Lie, Kumalasari Waters, Cheryl Anderson-Deakin, Helen Tan, Rex Waddell, Irene Waddell, Greg Brimble, Elizabeth Galura Brimble, Matt Brimble, Brian Ager, Kris Laws, Aiza Santiago and Arturo Mondejar.

This is where you can drop off donations, and where we will be packing them and Schoolbags for when the container comes in October. Our spring roll drive, Wine and Cheese night and Christmas Bazaar will also be held here.

Thank you Lord for this amazing premises and for this momentous occasion All Glory and praise to God! It's all about Jesus!



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Schoolbags For Jesus 2017

It's that time of the year again when we appeal for your help on this worthy cause for the neediest children in many parts of the Philippines, Kenya, Vietnam, Myanmar and India.

For just \$5 or donations in kind, you can help send a needy kid to school who can't afford to buy school supplies, they don't mind walking for miles to school not to mention they can't afford 3 meals a day. Hence, for the last 5 years face to face we personally handed your donations to them and has faithfully reached them yearly without fail.

We wish to thank all past generous donors and look forward to hear from new people who are willing to help these kids. We are blessed to share that our generous friend, Bingle Beltran Villo has committed to sponsor 1000 Schoolbags this year! Praying for more donors to come in and reach our target of 5000 SFJs!

Listed in the red part of the poster are what is needed for each SCHOOLBAG and all are welcome to donate in cash or kind, according to what your heart compels you to give.

We hope that parishes, youth groups, schools, organizations and individuals can support this year's Schoolbags For Jesus project and if you would like to be involved in it, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your generosity and God bless the needy children. Proverbs 3:27

The Schoolbags Have Arrived!

After some dramas with customs and delivery, all 5000 SFJ bags have finally reached Perth! Thanks be to God for Universal Seafood for sponsoring the drawstring bags!

Your help is what thousands of needy children are waiting for to fill them up, see list of things needed above in red box. All donations welcome in any kind! Thanks for your generosity! To God be the glory!



SCHOOLBAGS FOR JESUS

A CHARITY PROJECT BY BUCKETS FOR JESUS

Now in its fifth year, Schoolbags (previously Shoebags) For Jesus aims to enable children in the Philippines, Kenya, Vietnam, Myanmar and India to receive an education and break the cycle of poverty.

Each bag will have essentials such as pens, pencils and an exercise book so that each child will be able to go to school for the year.

Buckets For Jesus (BFJ) firmly believe in "not just providing the fish, but teaching the people how to fish for themselves". We firmly believe that education is the surest way to not only empower individuals but also raise their families out of poverty.

The 2015 and 2014 Schoolbags For Jesus projects were a major success, as over 8,000 children were blessed with school supplies for a year thanks to the generosity of schools, parishes, organizations, youth groups and individuals.

Apart from blessing thousands of needy children from the Philippines, last year we started sending Schoolbags to orphanages in Kenya, Vietnam and Myanmar, and this year, we plan to start sending to India.

BFJ is a not-for-profit mission body who personally visit and distribute 'buckets' or gifts containing basic necessities such as food, clothes, hygiene supplies, education and spiritual material to the poorest of the poor in the Philippines.

For more information: www.bucketsforjesus.org

WHAT IS NEEDED:

- 1 X DRAWSTRING BAG
- 1 X SMALL TOY
- 1 X SHIRT OR CAP
- 2 X 48 PAGE NOTEBOOKS
- 4 X PENCILS
- 1 X SHARPENER
- 2X ERASERS
- 2 X BLACK PENS
- 2 X BLUE PENS
- 1 X CRAYONS/COLOR PENCILS
- 1 X RULER
- 1 X SET OF STICKERS
- 1 X KIDS STORY BOOK

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The Impact of SFJ on Street Children and Orphans

This is what Schoolbags do to these needy children... receiving one is a life changing moment for them! Pray with us so we can deliver these schoolbags again this year with everyone's help. We can't do these alone! Come join us and let us open our hands to the poor and the neediest! As we said on the previous page, please contact us if you would like to get involved in our 2017 project. All 5,000 Schoolbags are waiting at our warehouse.



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Spring Roll Drive 2017

These humble spring rolls raised 3 houses through the matching dollar of Romano and Linda Sala Tenna in the last 3 years.

Hence for 3 years in a row we did this and skipped last year but many were asking for them.

So here they are again, this time the proceeds will help us fundraise for our schoolbags which needs more support this year.

SPRING ROLL DRIVE
Authentic Vietnamese Spring Rolls

\$10 for a pack of 12 freshly made pork spring rolls
Lovingly made and donated by Dr Gabrielle Ly and Family
Starting from **12th of August, 2017**

New taking orders, with all proceeds going towards the 'Adopt A Family Appeal', raising money to implement affordable cluster housing for the typhoon victims in the Philippines.

For more information contact:
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An Initiative of Buckets For Jesus
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For just \$10 per box of 12 spring rolls, you can enjoy these Vietnamese pork spring rolls and support a great cause for the poor and neediest. Production starts this Saturday 12 Aug limited only, so order them now!

Curry Night 2017

Back by popular demand, the Fernando family have kindly agreed to do another fundraiser for Buckets for Jesus in support of its various ministries to serve the poor at the missions like housing, feeding and even filling up schoolbags.

Last year the response was overwhelming and we were overbooked as their delicious curry and hoppers are simply sumptuous and a novelty.

Please book your seats early by email or phone call to avoid being disappointed.

Tickets only cost \$25 per person, children below 10 get to come along for free.

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Prayer Requests & Praise Points

•Praise point for BFJ's successful 25th mission last month, despite bad weather and some missionaries were unwell, we had a blessed apostolic mission, protection and provisions. Proverbs 19:17

•Please pray for ADOPT A FAMILY Appeal – 50 more homes for Phase 3, that God will send more big hearted Christians to champion the cause of homeless victims of disasters awaiting under Adopt A Family. Proverbs 19:17

•Please pray for support for 3 orphanages under threat of closure due to financial issues with 300 kids losing their homes.

•Pray for the protection of the Filipino people and the country from recurrent typhoons and flooding in the country, it is the 2nd most vulnerable country in the world. Proverbs 3:27

•Pray for over-crowded prison (capacity 180) in Dumaguete City which badly needs extension to accommodate 150 more inmates. The archdiocese of Dumaguete through Bishop Lito Cortes shared this appeal when we visited them early this year. Proverbs .

•Pray for BFJ Bibles Drive- we are raising 5,000 copies for our ongoing missions this year. For only \$2 a copy in Tagalog or Cebuano, you can give a radical gift that will last a lifetime for the poor who can't afford them. 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

•Please pray for the success of BFJ fundraising drive this year like Spring Roll Drive and Curry Night and bless the families last year whose generosity have excelled beyond expectations. The Fernandos, The Amins and many more!

•Pray for donations to rain down to fill up Containers for Jesus CFJ25th such as blankets, towels, household stuff, children's toys, clothes and toys. 2 Corinthians 9:13

•Please pray for Schoolbags for Jesus (SFJ)– this year we are appealing for help to fill up 5000 SFJs to bless a multitude of orphans and destitute street children who can't afford to buy school supplies to be distributed end of this year and early next year. Praise point as the drawstring bags this year were lovingly sponsored once again by Ms Florence Liang of Universal Seafood. 2 Corinthians 9:7

•Praise point for healing and complete restoration of our sick friends and loved ones, for their protection and pray for the long list who need healing included in our Prayer Warrior list. Acts 4:9-10

•Pray for Retired Volunteers: Enterprise for Jesus (EFJ) need your expertise to teach the poor to fish, instead of giving them the fish & send more expert workers in the field to uphold our livelihood programs. Proverbs 21:13

•Pray for the end of Christian persecution specially the end of war in Syria and for our daily empowerment to be true disciples to proclaim the Great Commission. Matthew 28:19

•Most of all, "Pray for the peace in Jerusalem." Psalm 122:6 Please send your help to: <http://holyassist.blogspot.com> www.terrasantanews.org "Salvation is from the Jews." John 4