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Buckets For Jesus Newsletter 6 December 2015 An Attitude of Gratitude

Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

We pray this sharing and newsletter finds you well and your loves ones.

As the season of Advent enters the second week, and while everyone is busy preparing for Christmas, the shopping and food preparation, may we not forget and remember the Celebrant. He is the reason for the season and we must first of all prepare our hearts to receive Jesus. Let us therefore have an attitude of gratitude.

"FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN..." Isaiah 9:6

Join me in reflecting how can we show our gratitude to the Lord and to all those who impacted our live this year and the years before. The answer lies in our attitude, we need to start focusing on Jesus and not ourselves, less of me and more of You Lord! As the attached Christmas tree aptly captured, we need to have less pride, less, anger, less dramas, less gossip, less bitterness, less complaining, less selfishness and more of Jesus! This is the essence of Advent, with attitude with gratitude!

"TO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID, A SAVIOR, WHO IS THE MESSIAH, THE LORD." Luke 2:11

As the Year of Mercy kicks in next week, we are encouraged to be gentle and share the Love of God and let us be renewed by His mercy. Let us ask the Lord to give us the grace to be His channels of mercy and use us to spread His love and start a gentle revolution to spread love in this hurting world with an attitude of gratitude as always!

"GOD'S MERCY CAN MAKE EVEN THE DRIEST LAND BECOME A GARDEN, CAN RESTORE LIFE TO DRY BONES." Ezekiel 37:1-14

We implore you to pray for our next mission, for Container for Jesus CFJ21 safe and timely arrival and for our provisions and protection.

A BLESSED MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A FRUITFUL NEW YEAR AHEAD!

Many thanks & God bless,
Mike, Ruby & BFJTeam

Buckets For Jesus Mission January 2016

BFJ's next Apostolic-mission will kick off 2016! From 10 to 28th Jan. The last 6 weeks were spent in preparation for this mission to fill up Schoolbags with school supplies, toys and clothes and pack other donations into CFJ21. We hope to spend time ministering to the needy in the cities of Cebu, Dumaguete, Capiz and Manila for this 2 week mission.

A generous donor who wants to support to develop missionary hearts on young people is happy to sponsor airfare to join our missions, subject to availability of flights. Contact us to register your interest at: bucketsforjesus@gmail.com




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Containers For Jesus 21 Has Departed!

God's Miracle Container CFJ21 finally left our premise last Friday. Our Faithful God has continued to multiply the space in the container, so miraculous that there was still heaps of space left, no matter how much we've loaded like 150 large boxes, including 3 sofas and 2 bed frames.

Praying for timely arrival of CFJ21, we hope to visit new places in need and distribute minister to the needy, distribute gifts apart from bibles, rosaries and devotionals.



Special Thanks to all the generous volunteers!

A Big Thank you to our brothers and sisters in Christ for your big hearts in helping us to fill up Schoolbags for Jesus with school supplies and goodies to cheer poor children in this Season of Giving! Special thanks to Ida, Noynoy and Derek Calunsag, Sherita & family, Raewyn, Geri and Andre, Nicholas and family, Sheila, friends and family, the Ursuline Sisters and the list goes on including Elsie Sese and friends in Singapore.



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3,167 Schoolbags On Their Way To Bless Orphans and Homeless Kids!

Last year we raised 2000 Shoeboxes but this year, a new record has been set with a massive 3000 SFJs raised in Perth and close to 1000 from Singapore. We are grateful to all who donated towards this cause and for believing our vision to help deserving kids attain education and one day, rise from poverty. These kids do not mind walking for miles to school but their parents can't afford to buy them school supplies let alone fee them 3 times a day. Indeed, children are the hope of the future.

Distribution of Schoolbags for Jesus include orphanages in Kenya, India and Vietnam.



Thanks to those who have contributed to the Schoolbags project!



Liwarra Primary School, Greenwood



Holy Rosary Parish, Nedlands



Our Lady Of The Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Gosnells



Bull Creek Primary School

Where will the Schoolbags be going to?

The majority of the Schoolbags for Jesus will be handed to deserving children in many parts of the Philippines including Cebu, Tacloban, Capiz, Bohol and Manila.

More schoolbags are allocated to orphanages in Kenya, India and Vietnam in collaboration with religious orders in various countries.

Despite BFJ's premise was too hot due to the air-con which conked out in the last 3 weeks, we praise God with many hands His work was done. Thank you Lord of the Harvest, for sending helping hand in the last 6 weeks and we pray you will also send more workers in the mission fields.



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Wine and Cheese Night A Success

We give thanks to the Lord for answered prayers in surprise turnout, even strangers came to support the event and blessed another 60 orphans with their very own beds instead of sleeping on the floor. With the Movie Night proceeds, we have reached our target to raise 100 beds. We can't thank everyone enough for their heart for the poorest of the poor who supported this fundraiser, too many too count!

A big thank you to Carina McPherson, Margaret Laundry and Wayne Han for looking after the wine tasting, Ida-Ros Calunsag, Derek Calunsag, Marise Chinn Kamila Soh Judy Wilkins, Cheryl and many more for preparing those amazing food platters! Simply Magnificent!

Special thanks to our sponsors, Watershed Winery, Fermoy Wines, Flowstone Wines, Carine Cuisine and many more prize sponsors like the fabulous Jools Jewellery, Balayage Subiaco, JBento, Tema International, Josephine D'Alessandro & Joseph D'Alessandro and many more!

Thanks a million to Fr Emmanuel and Linda for allowing the use of the parish hall and not forgetting Fr Don Kettle who gave us his blessings to use the hall way back in August.

Last but not least, to the amazing Jazzy Prophets who played fantastic jazz music all night long! And congratulations to all the Raffle, Auctions and all the Big winners! See you next event!





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Housing For Jesus Phase 2

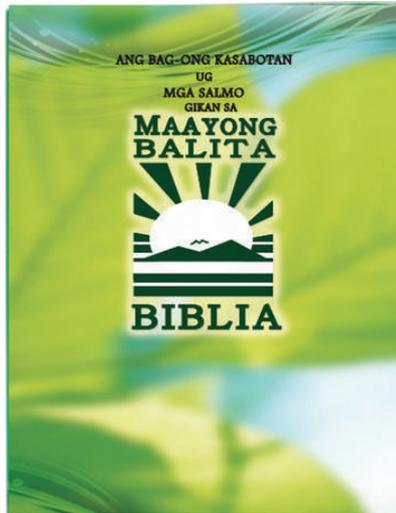


Adopt a Family Phase 2 are appealing for more kid hearted people to help us raise funds to build more Housing for Jesus for our homeless brothers still homeless after nearly 2 years of disasters still living in temporary shelters.



Please contact us if you are compelled to adopt a homeless family for just \$3000, you can give the gift that will last a lifetime.

Bible Drive



Buckets for Jesus' main charism is doing apostolic missions and giving out Bibles to the neediest. We are raising 10,000 copies for this year's missions. Praise God we have reached 4,800 copies today!

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. Be a part of this life changing gift!

Adopt An Orphanage



Located in Cebu City, with approx. 75 orphans currently. As a result of disaster, more children were orphaned by Haiyan and other typhoons that more than 100 children have no room to stay and are sleeping on the floor. They need to extend the current building to accommodate these children which will cost US\$250k. We have raised funds to buy 100 beds but they sleep in a temporary shelter. A benevolent donor is happy to match dollar to dollar every donation received to build the extension. This is our biggest challenge next year. Please pray for this...



Prayer Requests and Praise Points

- Pray that we will be empowered to grow with an attitude of gratitude to God. Proverbs 3:5
- Please pray for the end of Christian persecution in Syria, Iraq & the end of conflicts and for world peace. Psalm 27:8
- Please pray for support for Adopt an Orphanage- in Cebu, badly needing Building extension to accommodate 100 children orphaned by disasters. Proverbs 3:27
- Please pray for BFJ's next mission, protection and provisions. Sponsorship available for those who wish to join our missions. Proverbs 19:17
- Please pray for ADOPT A FAMILY Appeal-Phase 2 and be one of God's champions of His homeless victims of disasters. We have raised 15 homes to date, 85 more to go! Proverbs 3:27
- Please pray for the end of abortion and defund planned-parenthood-for legislators and believers to push for legislation to protect unborn babies and put an end to malpractice of Planned Parenthood. Proverbs 16:3
- Please pray for the protection of the sanctity of marriage- for Australian legislators not to redefine the meaning of marriage and reject same sex marriage which is against the law of God. Genesis 2:24
- Praise point for Movie Night fundraiser- we praise God for unprecedented support from both friends and strangers plus a matching donor who wish to remain anonymous. Funds raised will go towards buying 40 beds for homeless orphans in Bogo.
- Pray for BFJ Bibles Drive- we are raising 10,000 copies for our ongoing missions. Praise God we have reached 4,800 copies today! 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
- Praise point for the success of Wine and Cheese Fundraiser which raised funds to buy 60 more beds for orphans and support missionaries.
- Praise point for Schoolbags for Jesus (formerly Shoeboxes) - last year's successful drive reached our target to double Y2013 figure and we gave away 2000 SFJs last Christmas! Pray this year doubled last year's SFJs to 4K to bless a multitude of orphans and destitute children who can't afford to buy school supplies, to empower them to attend schools. 2 Corinthians 9:7
- Praise point for Containers for Jesus CFJ21 (Cebu) shipped our target 3k filled with school supplies and gifts for Christmas. 2 Corinthians 9:13
- Pray to container CFJ19 (for Kenya) praise God we have recovered CFJ19 after a few months and still need more donations to fill it up. We need school supplies, kid clothes, books and toys, blankets and household things. Matthew 10:8
- Please pray for healing and complete restoration of our sick friends and loved ones including Peter, Annette, Eming, Amor, Mama Lolita, Wilson, Jacqui and also for their protection & the many who are sick in our parish. 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
- Let us pray for the total elimination of poverty and greed so our poor brethren can see the face of God in us. James 28:27
- Pray for our daily empowerment to be true disciples to proclaim the Great Commission. Matthew 28:19
- Please continue to pray for the faithful servants of God who serve Him day in & day out in the mission fields whom we have worked with like the Missionaries of God's Love, The Ursuline Sisters, the Missionaries of the Poor, the Missionaries of Charity, the Holy Family Centre, Spanola Sisters, YWAM Cebu & around the world, The Little Sisters of the Poor in Perth, BFJ team in Perth and Philippines. www.bucketsforjesus.com
- Most of all, "Pray for the peace in Jerusalem." Psalm 122:6 Please send your help to: <http://hollyassist.blogspot.com> www.terrasantnews.org. "Salvation is from the Jews." John 4:22

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“And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold,
I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all
the people: For, this day, is born to you a Saviour,
who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.”

Luke 2:10-11

Christmas 2015

A Blessed Christmas and New Year
to you and your loved ones

FROM BUCKETS FOR JESUS



Adoration of the Shepherds
Bartolome Esteban Murillo, c.1650