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BUCKETS FOR JESUS NEWSLETTER - JAN 2020



Dear family, friends and loved ones,

A Blessed and Happy New Year to you! We trust that your 2020 so far has been full of blessings and success.

We apologize for this special mission edition newsletter coming out two weeks after we returned home, as we have been exhausted and trying to recuperate. Please continue to pray for our missionaries who are still unwell since returning back home.

Besides the health issues post-mission, it was very joyful to have 15 of us missionaries joining us for our Cebu outreaches and the majority of them witnessing for the first time the outreaches that we do. They even got involved with giving out Schoolbags to street children and feeding them, and we received positive feedback from them about being involved in our outreaches.

In Dumaguete, we were very blessed to be joined by our family and friends. And a special thank you goes to Roseller Bucoy and Rita Datoy Bucoy for doing all the groundwork and preparations for our outreaches there.

We did not know what we were in for on our first day of outreaches in Manila. But we were sent to Payatas, a region in Quezon where the poorest of the poor live and seeing 200 children receive your Schoolbags was very inspiring. Special thanks to Fr Steve Tynan and Fr Paul Uwemedimo for helping arrange this outreach and the one at your parish church St Benedict's

Over the next few pages, you will see our team in the thick of the action and the smiles of the many street children present at the outreaches. We hope that these will inspire you.

We give thanks to God for all the blessings of this mission, and to all those who donated Schoolbags and other pre-owned items for us to distribute to street children and the poorest of the poor in Cebu, Dumaguete and Manila.

We cannot wait to see what the New Year will bring for us, and we look forward to see what God leads us to.

All our love,
Mike, Ruby, Michael and the BFJ Team

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Massive YWAM Outreach To End 2019!

Before the New Year came, we were blessed to end 2019 with a massive mission with hundreds of YWAM Cebu's street children ministry, spending time with the kids and 15 of BFJ's missionaries and the YWAM team! Schoolbags for Jesus blessed them with yearly supplies of bags and gifts plus food. We give thanks to all who help donate, pack and ship these gifts from Perth, Western Australia and Singapore. All glory to God!





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Faithful Twin Girls Amongst Cordo Kids Outreach

There's a pair of twin girls (Rhonda and Rhonya) who were only babies when we first started 10 years ago (this year marks 10 years of BFJ Mission). Although they've been living in Cogon slum area all these times, they're certainly growing beautifully as well as in the faith, amazed how great they can praise and worship God!

We are blessed to see these kids through the years with YWAM Cebu and thanks to all of you back in Australia and Singapore for your help and support of Schoolbags for Jesus Ministry, you're all instruments of God's love.





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BFJ Finally Reaches Poblacion, Naga... And It Was Worth The Drive!

After many attempts, BFJ finally had an outreach in Poblacion, Naga! Hundreds of needy children were blessed from several districts of Naga and mountains areas this week. It's been a few years we've tried to do missions to meet mountain children in Naga but due to weather conditions, and slippery roads were a safely issue.



Very touched to see so many children from different districts and mountainside gathered in one place to facilitate our mission and meet them all under one roof. Thanks be to God for the officials and school leaders who helped make this happened and our brother Eric Bucoy who arranged with them.

Once again thank you to all who supported Schoolbags for Jesus ministry, both to all donors and all volunteers who helped us reach out to the neediest children in this part of the country. May the Lord bless you 1000 fold and let it run over and overflow!



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A FAMILY THAT DO MISSIONS together, stays together!

We are so blessed to have our family and siblings go on missions every year to help the neediest. Special thanks to Rita Wit Bucoy, Raquel Orquiza Bucoy, Tweet Orquiza and a special mention to Teresita B. Yraola- who joined our mission for the first time after 19 years in Norway.



Most of all to Roseller Bucoy and his son Ross Oliver Bucoy who are part of our core mission team on the ground. Also grateful to Greg Brimble and his son Matt Brimble and his sisters for joining us these two days.

A massive thanks to God for 14 missionaries who came with us from Perth and Malaysia. Ken and Florence Liang, Joyce Chow, Tuck Chow, Janet and The Nolidin Family, Kris and Charlotte, Alice and Charles.

Most of the 500 children God Blessed that week were from rural areas and unreachable places in the mountains and street children of YWAM Dumaguete.



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250 Happy Faces Brighten Candau-ay Barangay

What a privilege to meet the Lord in the eyes of these little angels facilitated by loving women behind Bayanihan para sa Kabataan led by Baby Jambora and their muscled army volunteers! Together with BFJ, the outreach was double blessed and fruitful. Please pray for help for these undernourished kids for more support for their daily feeding and study needs. May God bless you generous hearts! Glory to God!



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A Special Outreach At A Mountain Primary School

The final outreach of our Dumaguete sector was at Panutuban Elementary School in the Dauin mountain areas, where we were blessed to meet over 200 needy children living in these hillsides. We shared the joy of your gifts and donations with them, and it was a privilege which we pray one day you too will have this special cherished experience that'll last a lifetime! What a divine appointment only God can arrange! Thanks be to God for leading us there through our BFF May Archimedes Diputado. All glory and praise to God!





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A Very Moving Outreach In Payatas

Until two days before this outreach, we had no idea where the Lord wanted us to do missions in Manila. He certainly moves in ways we cannot fathom and changed venues twice. When our team enquired 3 days ago where will the mission be this week, we simply answered we will announce once we hear from God.

And Payatas it was, in Quezon City! A place where the poorest of the poor live and the people welcomed us with great joy and celebration! Lower Primary children in excess of 200 walked into the hall one at a time and we were moved by how clean and behaved they were. Most of all, they knew their praise and worship by heart and even danced! We were touched by their childlike faith and their faithful ministry leaders.



Earlier on some of the mothers of these children prepared a delicious impromptu lunch for us led by Fr Paul Uwemedimo and Fr Steve Tynan, we were so touched by their hospitality despite their poverty, they did all they can to make us welcomed.

Looking back, we now understand why the Lord kept saying no to the places we were invited to visit for He had other plans and wanted to bless the faithful children and people of Payatas! Glory to God!



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St Benedict's Outreach A Fitting End To Our Mission

A girl in a wheelchair waited patiently for us to do missions at the parish church next to where she lives in a slum area nearby. St Benedict Parish kindly hosted and gathered 250 indigent children to be blessed with Schoolbags.

Thanks to Fr Steve Tynan, MGL Manila and their youth group led by Camille Romanillos who did a great job to facilitate our last mission before flying home. Their mothers were there and we blessed them with Bibles and Rosaries.



It was a joyous occasion with so much laughter and fun when the kids opened their school bags! Experiencing this amazing joy is what keeps us going through the years, a meaningful encounter with the least among us and extending the help you all lovingly handed to us to bless them. May the Lord bless you much more and let it overflow to them once again in 2020!



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Housing For Jesus Phase 3

HFJ's low-cost housing is in our bucket list for our homeless brethren's ongoing project: Housing for Jesus Phase 3. In the light of recent and ongoing earthquakes and volcano eruption in the Philippines, please consider leaving a lasting legacy behind by adopting or co-adopt a homeless family and put a roof above their heads for just 3k and be rewarded by handing the keys of your donated house to your eternally grateful adopted family.



In Australia, receive a tax exempt receipt by donating through World Relief Australia who adopted our housing project with livelihood programs. Read more about it using this link: <https://wra.org.au/1818livelihoods>

Watch a video on Phase 1 and 2 in this link below the page.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7pXxXsxe70>

Buckets For Jesus Events and Fundraisers this year

Chinese Dinner Fundraiser



Christmas Dinner and Dance Fundraiser



Charity Bazaar on Saturdays at our base



Italian Dinner Fundraiser



Plant and Food Fair



Curry Night

