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Isaiah 61:11

Buckets For Jesus Newsletter September 2016

Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

We pray this message finds you well and your families.

After 8 years since Buckets for Jesus came to be, we sense that God wanted us to take stock or take a break and go for a retreat. A year ago, we booked to attend World Youth Day (WYD) in Krakow, Poland in July this year but little did we know it would come in a timely manner for our plans for a retreat this year.

"BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL RECEIVE MERCY."

We needed to hear what the Lord wants us to do next or is He done with us and we can stop the missions. There were signs hovering around us that told us to pray and discern. First, Ruby's illness which stifled some of the ministry works, then there was the lack of support and volunteers and most of all, we felt exhausted or burned out.

"NOW IS THE TIME FOR MERCY."

Lo and behold the Lord spoke in Krakow SO clearly, from the theme of WYD, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." The catechesis given by Cardinals in the next 3 days affirmed our mandate to keep going. First day, the theme was "Now is the time for mercy" followed by the 2nd day, "We are to be apostles of mercy." And finally, the 3rd day's theme, blew us away "We are to become channels of mercy." How can we stop?

"WE ARE TO BE APOSTLES OF MERCY."

We came back with a clear mandate to press on with our mercy work in the Philippines and the Lord opened the doors for us to send SFJs bags to orphanages in Kenya, Myanmar and Vietnam. This year being a special Jubilee Year of Mercy, join us in showing mercy on the plight of the least of our brothers. Your love, prayers and support will come a long way in making them feel God's love and providence in our own small way and may they see God's face in all of us...as His channels of mercy.

"WE ARE TO BE HIS CHANNELS OF MERCY."

In His Amazing Mercy,
Mike, Ruby, Family and
The Buckets for Jesus Team

Containers For Jesus 23

Container CFJ23 is expected to arrive at BFJ premise next week. We also need packing boxes apart from much needed donations such as school supplies (especially pencil sharpeners and erasers), unwanted blankets and towels are also needed. Please contact us if you plan to donate.

Volunteers Needed For Packing Days

After it rained down school supplies last weekend, we're only short of sharpeners, kids books and small toys. We have enough notebooks, pens and pencils. Thanks to Marjan Hutton, Florence Liang and Geri Lim who donated a mountain of them! Thanks again to our volunteers last week, Ida-Ros Calunsag, Derek Calunsag, Jill Byrne, Flora Joanilho, Daniel Tan Gark Bin and family.

We are in need more hands and volunteers to help us pack the Schoolbags and load the boxes into the container.

Volunteers are welcome to help pack Schoolbags for Jesus and load the boxes into the container every Saturday for the next month. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send more workers in the vineyard.



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Curry Night - October 1

It's one off October date!

Come and be treated with authentic Sri Lankan Curries! While JBento is taking a well deserved break, another group of golden hearted people are helping BFJ raise funds for the homeless! Thank you Curly Fernando and Minalie Fernando of Curly's Catering and CK Black Catering!

Tickets are \$20 each, with all proceeds going towards our ongoing housing project for victims of Typhoon Yolanda in Bogo, Cebu, Philippines.

Tables are selling fast, so be sure to book your tickets quick! Hope to see you all there on October 1!

Tickets @ <https://www.trybooking.com/NDHF>

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JBento Luncheon Fundraisers

What started out as a Mothers Day Luncheon Fundraiser for a Homeless Mother in the Philippines is now a monthly event for JBento Japanese Restaurant and Buckets For Jesus.

The four editions of this monthly event in May to August have each successfully raised a house each for the Housing For Jesus appeal.

Proceeds from all sales went to the cause, and JBento's chefs even volunteered their time to cook for such a special event.

There was an overwhelming number of table bookings from Buckets For Jesus contacts and awaiting them and walk-in customers was a variety of tasty Japanese cuisine.

The all-day August fundraiser to coincide with JBento's first anniversary was a big success and we look forward to seeing you at the next JBento Luncheon Fundraiser.



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Schoolbags For Jesus 2016

Finally the Drawstring Schoolbags lovingly sponsored by Universal Seafoods have arrived in Perth! Please consider sponsoring one bag & filling it up with school supplies, toys and goodies for the price of a cup of coffee or \$5, you can help one destitute kid go to school next term from the Philippines, Myanmar or Kenya and Vietnam!

Praise God for a golden hearted donor in Marjan Hutton, who had been buying school supplies all year round and personally delivered and paid for these:

- 4475 exercise books
- 2000 pencils
- 1500 blue pens
- 200 erasers
- 400 soap bars

The family was up at 5am on Sunday, 11th September to make it to 830am the Mass at Christ the Living Vine parish, Australind, some 2 hours down south. Thank God we reached there at 8am, the early start was all worth it!

Thanks to Fr Jess Navara who invited us to share about BFJ's mercy work in conjunction with his parish pilgrims' WYD sharing of which we were participants together in Kraków.

We were touched by the sharing of our fellow pilgrims and was blessed by the positive reception and support we received by the parishioners and Catholic schools as well.

Hallelujah! A total of 800 Schoolbags for Jesus were committed that day! Fr Jess, Australind's Viner parishioners and schools, you rock!

We were on the road again early last Sunday to appeal for help from far away parishes as the nearby ones have yet to respond to our call for help. Last Sunday, we drove 2 hours down south to Australind.

With grateful hearts we give thanks to Fr Philip Perreau, Konrad Gagattek and Slivana Sciorilli for all the help in inviting us today and most of all, to the parishioners at Gosnells parish for their ready hearts to help the poor. Thank you Lord for their generous hearts and support for BFJ missions for the poor for the last 3 years now.

It's not too late to get your school, youth group, parish or yourself involved in SFJ 2016!



SCHOOLBAGS FOR JESUS

A PROJECT BY BUCKETS FOR JESUS

Now in its fourth year, Schoolbags (previously Shoeboxes) For Jesus aims to enable children in the Philippines 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 Schoolbags For Jesus project was a major success, as 4,000 children were blessed with school supplies for a year thanks to the generosity of schools, parishes, organizations, youth groups and individuals.

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

OPTIONAL:

- Crayons or color pencils or pens,
- ruler, stickers and kids story book

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August Mission/Housing For Jesus Update

Homeless No More!

Soon these newly built Housing for Jesus (HFJ) will be permanent homes to 12 more homeless mothers and disaster victims. God bless those who donated and supported this cause for the poorest of the poor (who do not wish to be named here) but instead collect their rewards in heaven! Because of your love for God, merciful hearts and you really cared, they are homeless no more!

Praise the Lord! Last year we raised 100 HFJs and another 20 more this year! Glory to God!

Housing for Jesus' structures may look low cost and meaningless to many but to the poor and homeless, it means the world! A palace! The only home they'll ever know.

For just \$3,000, you can put a roof above one of many homeless mothers and disaster victims. Each home is the size of a two car-garage and is equipped with proper electricity and sanity!

While we work all our lives to earn our heavenly homes, the homeless on earth are still waiting for a roof above their heads...would you be the one to make it a reality for one of them?

120 homes raised so far, and there will be more!



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BFJ Christmas Mission

The next BFJ Mission will be on 27th Nov to 10th Dec. All are welcome to join us and visit our website for more details. Cost will be approx \$1500 all inclusive.

Our recent Mission for Housing for Jesus (HFJ) was very blessed with another 10-12 more HFJs we've inspected and are getting ready for homeless to take over in the next few weeks.

In this mission, we will be distributing the Schoolbags that were packed in Perth and in Singapore. We plan to visit the kids in the mountain areas, slums and orphanages.

If interested, please email bucketsforjesus@gmail.com



Upcoming Fundraising Events Watch this space!

In our ongoing effort to help our poor brethren, Buckets For Jesus will endeavor to keep up with fund-raising plans for the rest of year.

Asides the Curry Night and JBento Luncheon, we intend to bring back the Wine and Cheese Night and a Christmas Bazaar. Once again please help us spread the word when the dates are confirmed.



Prayer Requests and Praise Points

- Pray that we will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to respond to the call of mercy from our poor brethren. Proverbs 3:27

- Please pray for BFJ's 23rd pre- Christmas mission in early Dec, for blessed apostolic mission, protection and provisions. Proverbs 19:17

- Please pray for ADOPT A FAMILY Appeal-Phase 3 to send more big hearted followers to champion the cause of His homeless victims of disasters. Proverbs 19;17

- 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 and bless generous families whose generosity had excelled beyond expectations. Mark and Juliana Amin of JBento and Curry Night by Curly and Minalie Fernando of Curly's Catering Services.

- Please pray for Containers for Jesus CFJ23 to be filled with 5k Schoolbags for Jesus with school supplies and gifts. This shipment will sail on 21st Oct. We also need used toys, books, blankets and towels. 2 Corinthians 9:13

- Praise point for Schoolbags for Jesus 2016 (formerly Shoeboxes) - last year's successful drive sent to 4000 SFJs and blessed a multitude of orphans and destitute street children who can't afford to buy school supplies, to empower them to attend schools and rise out of poverty. The drawstring bags this year weresponsored by Universal Seafood. This year's SFJ campaign will end in mid Oct. 2 Corinthians 9:7

- Praise point for healing and complete restoration of our sick friends and loved ones including Christine, Annette, Amor, Adam, Jacqui, Simone and also for their protection & the many who are sick 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 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 4:22

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