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2017 NEWSLETTER

PRESCHOOLS IN TOMOY AND CAMBARO

We are praying for permanent accreditation for our preschools. We renew our permit yearly and this month we submitted all the requirements advised by the supervisor of the Department of Education for life-time accreditation. Our Tomoy preschool has expanded from 25 children to 41 preschoolers. Due to this, our Tomoy church congregation has also expanded. Praise God. It is a privilege to conduct weekly Bible Studies with the parents of the preschoolers.



Cambaro Preschoolers



WEDDING CRUSADE

We thank God for another beautiful wedding on August 19 of fifty couples. Even now, months later, the married couples continue to thank us for this blessed occasion. Because the wedded couples can now show proof of marriage, they can apply for birth certificates for their children, which fulfills one of the requirements of attending

public school. This is a direct intervention to break the poverty cycle. This is the first and only time some of these poor men and women will dress up and celebrate. We want to thank Hong Kong Faith Community Church for their great help. Matthew 5 reminds us that we are the light of the world and that we can give light to everyone. *In doing so, they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

SCHOLARS

Manny and my hearts' desire in starting this program is to raise up poor communities that have never had anyone graduate from college. Our hope is that the boys we rehabilitate for the past 8-10 years will return to help their people. **Baldo**, an agriculture graduate, is the first of his mountain town of Ulo Mlao, Mindanao to graduate from university. When he came home, people were astounded and he was respected like a hero. He uses his influence to pioneer a new church while overseeing a 25-acres coffee plantation as livelihood.

Rudy graduated in Electrical Technology and is the first in his community in Lambalas, Mindanao to graduate from university. Because of Rudy's testimony, there are two other boys from his village that have entered college. **Neilboy**, an agriculture graduate is helping Rudy run a nursery of 200,000 coffee seedlings. Rudy heads the Mindanao ministry.

Jhonna Von, a handicap graduate and licensed pharmacist has performed so well. Jhonna Von is from a Bla'an tribe and next year, by the grace of God, she will open the first pharmacy in her community, fully funded by the government. **Ryan**, our dental scholar, has asked to take over the Cebu dental clinic once he graduates in 2019. He had been overwhelmed by the dental needs in the communities we serve in Cebu that he had chosen to remain to help here. **Ponce** and **Ramil** are studying to be medical doctors. Ponce was abandoned by his parents at the age of 7. He was a street sleeper in a public market in Mindanao when we found him. Two years ago, we adopted Ponce.



Ryan's dental mission

10 years ago, I went to a T'boli tribal village to recruit three men into our scholar program. Some of the boys we rehabilitated out of prostitution and drugs.

One of the three, **Allan**, graduated this year with a degree in Social Work. Presently he is helping us with all governmental submissions and community development. **Bert** didn't make it. **Joem**, our pride and joy, graduated as a dentist. It was our hope that he would help his T'boli community as a missionary dentist as many of the young people in his community are toothless by the age of 18. Unfortunately, not all share our burden and sadly Joem left us at the beginning of this year to pursue his own dreams. Sometimes, heartbreaking news like this affects some of our donors and they quit their support. We have one scholar who paused his education for a semester to attend to his family and his sponsor refused to continue support. Please pray for our 2017 batch: five of our 20 ongoing university scholars are yet unsponsored.

ALLAN AND KATE PIA WEDDING



Our scholar Allan graduated with a degree in Social Work and we have the double blessing of him bringing to us his wife Catherine, a licensed teacher. She is helping us with life-time accreditation of our preschools.

NOURISHMENT MINISTRY

We found ten malnourished children on the deserted island of Gilutongan. Two of them were so thin it was unbelievable they were still alive. Now, they are well cared for and we are thankful to God for the health of the 39 children presently in our program.

We thank God for your support. We are grateful for your help in prayers.

We thank God for his grace and mercy toward our ministry. We thank God for all the fruitfulness in saving lives both physically and spiritually.



In His vineyard,
Sharon Pastre

If you wish to support the nourishment of a child, sponsor one of our scholars or graduates, or give personal support, please send a check payable to:

World Ministries (you must specify GCE on the memo or it won't reach us)
P.O. Box 491656
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