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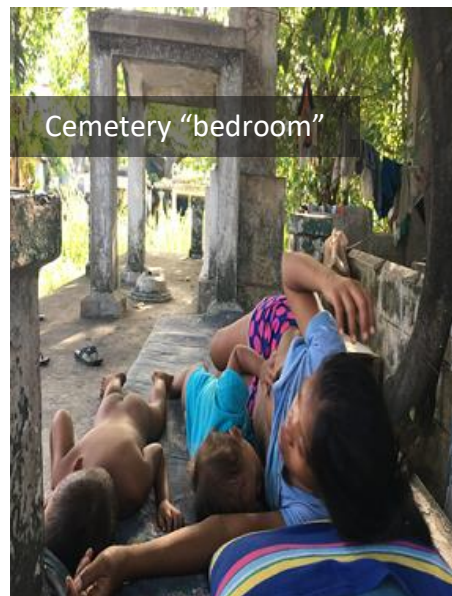


Sand sculpting the armor of God

YOUTH CAMP

In early April, we brought 46 young people to our beach property in Bacong for five days of evangelistic camp. The campers came from the Chinese Cemetery (see photo below for a look at the cemetery living situation) and Labogon, a broom-making squatter community. They ate three meals a day and heard life-changing testimonies. Many received Christ into their lives. Please pray for our GCE scholars as they follow up with these young believers.

After camp, Sharon visited some of the converted youth in Labogon. She was struck by the condition of some of the homes. She needs 10 pieces of galvanized iron sheet (at the cost of US\$8 per sheet) to amend the roofs of two homes.



Cemetery "bedroom"

WEDDING CAMPAIGN 2018



Last year's wedding

We have 50 couples enrolled to be married on August 25, 2018. We do not insist that the couples be Christian to wed, but we do require for them to attend bible studies. Please pray for our scholars who are leading the bible studies. Our desire is to bring the gospel to the poor, no matter what the cost. In the mountains or the urban squatter villages, whatever it takes for the gospel to be preached to the poor. If you wish to attend the wedding, please email Sharon at infoline.gce@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY

We started a bible study in a notorious community where we see rebels parading their weapons in broad daylight. Often, we see their torch lights in the middle of the night as they go down to the spring to fetch water. We have fifteen people from the community that attend our bible study every week.

Pray for Neilboy as he heads church planting in Bagong Silang. On this mountain, we plant our specialty coffee.

Please pray for safety for our boys as well as the salvation of the people in this dangerous community.



Scholar graduate leading bible

ARROWS SCHOOL



Since September 2017, we have been scouting for deserving high school graduates that would benefit from the 10 weeks of Arrows School bible teaching we offer. We went to Muslim-saturated places: the city of Zamboanga and the district of North Cotabato in Mindanao, and Palawan Island which has the terrible reputation for being the motherland of malaria.

We have 55 students enrolled. We thank God for the wonderful and passionate teachers coming from all over the world to teach at Arrows. Please pray for our 20 GCE staff, especially Rudy, a scholar graduate, who is heading training at Arrows.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES



School opens this June and we have 50 preschoolers enrolled. We have extended our intake to 60 students at Labogon (squatter village) and Tomoy (dump site) schools, so we have room for a few more children. Cambaro school, at our GCE center, will be used as our visual learning center where the children are taught through media; English, mathematics, and music lessons will be taught at the Cambaro location.

We want to thank the church in New York who have given us more than sufficient slippers for our preschoolers. We also thank God for the conversion of one our preschooler's mothers through our weekly bible studies.

NOURISHMENT PROGRAM



All our 39 babies have graduated from the program! This means that 39 souls were delivered from failure-to-thrive to thriving by God's grace and monthly visits from our staff and scholars with special nutrition formula and bible study. We are ongoing acceptance of malnourished children for 2018.

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

In His Vineyard,
Sharon and Manny

If you wish to support the nourishment of a child, sponsor one of our scholars or graduates in bible study and church-planting, or give personal support to Sharon and Manny, please send a check payable to:

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