

# GRACE COMMUNITY BASE EMPOWERMENT

Gospel to the poor

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your prayers and financial support for the advancement of the Gospel to the poorest of the poor. I pray everyone is in good health and living out your faith for 2023. May the Lord bless you with Psalms 91 for the new year.

Please continue to pray for those who are yet to hear the Good news through GCE.



**SHARON AND MANNY CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS IN THE US**



## CELEBRATING NOV.12 WEDDING CRUSADE

This year we had the Russian/Ukraine mission team that helped in our wedding crusade in Cebu. They were fervent in faith and portray such readiness in spirit as if they were born to be missionaries.

We are forever grateful to HK FCC for the years of helping us with the Wedding Crusade. We appreciate the participation of Ernest and Joyce Klemm in the 2022 wedding of 100 recipients. Please continue to pray for the thousands of lives yet to hear the Good News.



**ONGOING FEEDINGS IN 8 SQUATTER LOCATIONS PER MONTH**



## NEW CHURCH PLANT IN REBEL AREA

In 2022, we built a new church in a rebel area that Sharon was forbidden to enter until 2020. We were able to commission Jeackle Escolar to pastor this rebel church. Praise God for that victory. In March 2023 we will be running our Arrows School of Ministry for 30 pastors in that church in Bagong Silang, Mindanao. We hired two full-time staff Pastors: Chris and Hannie in 2022, and will be hiring two more (Pastor Joey Lip and the other is to be determined) this 2023. Both are in the church planting and evangelistic outreach ministries.

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JEAN ROSE BEFORE



JEAN ROSE NOW



CHERRY MAE BEFORE



CHERRY NOW



MARRYING THE PARENTS

# GOSPEL TO THE POOREST OF THE POOR THROUGH THE MALNOURISHED MINISTRY

In 2007 I met 6 severely malnourished children at Cebu Provincial Hospital. I never thought I could handle these 'skin and bone children' as they were so fragile, almost dying. There were more of them in the children's ward. All with a death warrant on their heads. I felt God wanted me to reach out to these children but I had no medical background. After the sixth malnourished child died, I accepted the call to start a malnourished program. With no medical experience, the Lord provided pediatricians, pharmacists, and nutritionists to help me create a recipe for a weight gain formula. Through the years the formulas had improved and the weight gain for the malnourished children can be seen in two months from the start of the formula program. We evangelized the parents of the children; many were enrolled and married in our wedding crusade program. We were able to save more than 300 children. We did a survey to check how many of the children who graduated from our program had gone to school since 2009. We realized that 10% of them are illiterate due to poverty. We decided to house some malnourished graduates in our GCE center in Cebu and help them graduate high school.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. The "renters" living in the squatters, are the ones that need prayers as they are not on the relocation list.
2. We have over 100 families we previously married in our mass wedding living in Looc that are displaced. We will be looking out for them and do need your prayers.
3. We need God's help to raise US \$1500 to renovate Tomoy Church. We need to move it 15 feet away from the flooding river. Pray for the safety of the church builders and for our materials that will be safe from thieves.
4. Pray for our 8 feeding locations and for the message of Christ to be preached to everyone.
5. Pray for the safety of Jeackle and his 4 men in the rebel areas in Mindanao as they start the new church in Bagong Silang.

## TOMOY CHURCH BEFORE AND AFTER



Constant flooding of Tomoy Church at dumpsite



Building the Tomoy Church higher above ground to avoid flooding

We are doing a major renovation to our Tomoy Church. Our regular feeding is changed to the Northern part of Tomoy dumpsite. It will be open-air feeding until our church is renovated. We are moving the church structure 15 feet away from the stream and raising the church 5 feet high. Every June/July the stream rises to about 3-4ft. high flooding our floors. We started the renovation December 20, 2022 and it is ongoing.



## LOOC FIRE WHERE OUR STAFF AND WEDDING RECIPIENTS LIVE

PARADISE ISLAND is the nickname given to Sitio Looc. Similar to the North part of Cebu Chinese Cemetery or Pala Pala in Bacolod, when the government needs the site for development, the fastest way to vacate the inhabitants is to burn down the whole community. Our ministry worker in charge of pastoral care, lives in Looc. At 3 am their four children were awakened by the fire and had to run for their lives. Some families took shelter at the GCE center as the evacuation center was overflowing. Since Pastor Chris knows most of the Looc residents, we asked him to find the 40 most desperate families and extend P1000 pesos (HK\$140.00) to each family, for them to buy their immediate needs. We have also distributed 5 kilos of rice to desperate families. It is not enough and we are asking for help to buy more rice to distribute to the families. Right now most of the victims are at the evacuation center. I believe the original owners of the burned squatters, the government had prepared temporary shelters for the families that had lost their homes.

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