

Grace Community Empowerment

NEWSLETTER

LET GO LIFE

Do Not Worry

Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? —Matthew 6:25

And which of you by worrying can add one hour to his lifespan? —Luke 12: 25

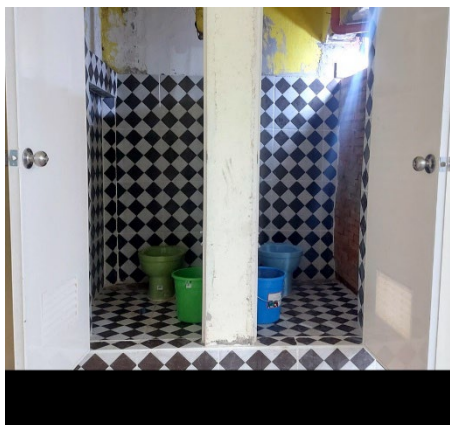
Dear friends and supporters, thank you for your faithful support to the work of God. I feel so privileged to spend more than 30 years in the mission field doing the work of God.

—Sharon and Manny Pastre
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BERNARD — Last month, I was able to bring our malnourished graduate, Bernard into our GCE care. It has been 10 years since he graduated the program. Last February, Bernard's older teenage brother was killed by his uncle because he was late in selling the used clothing in the market. Bernard is the only child left, so I decided to take him and his father to live with us at the center. Both of them received Jesus and attend our daily 6am devotion. His mother ran away when he was born. Pray with us for this opportunity to develop these two men's life for Jesus.

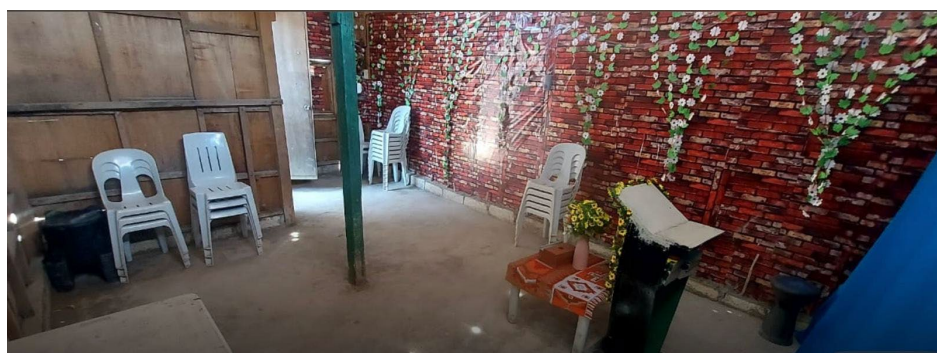


RUMEL, OUR GCE WORKER — Their home is in the squatters area and they are always in danger of drunken neighbors, drug addicts, etc. Three nights ago his drunken neighbor came with a pistol and fired point blank first at Rumel, his wife and his son. The bullets didn't fire even though he pull the trigger three times. Rumel took a knife to protect his family when the drunkard grabbed a steel pipe and hit on his leg very badly. The drunkard called for his other gang member to join. Rumel stabbed his arm with the knife as he raised the pipe to kill him. When the police came, no one want to be the witness that this man had a gun and tried to fire at the family three times. Everyone was too afraid to be the witness as this wanted gunman is dangerous. If anyone speaks out for Rumel about the gun, their families will be in danger. Rumel is now in the detention center and his family is afraid to return home and went to their relative's home to seek safety. A miracle happened. An anonymous person handed a phone video of the gunman pointing the gun at Rumel. Also, a witness went to the police to volunteer to testify as a witness as the police could not find the gun. We are praying he will be released from prison in a week. We are sponsoring Richelle, their daughter, 2nd year of Education. This prison in Mandue doesn't provide food. Thanking God for this miracle.



PRESCHOOL TOILETS — For the last 12 years, the preschoolers have been using the toilets outside the building because we did not have the budget to have a major renovation to have an in-house toilet for them. We finally built it, and we finally were able to build two cute toilets for the preschoolers. We were also able to complete the evacuation area that is required by the Department of Education an added blessing; we were able to build an additional three bathrooms for our staff. God is good.

LABOGON CHURCH — Thanks for your donation that allowed us to raise the floor of Labogon Church and Gina's home. Normally by 11am the tide would have risen a foot high. We have elevated the church floor to 15 inches high.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Crossroads Russian/Ukraine Church in Seattle that I have been introducing Arrows School teachings. They decided to adopt our Journey with God new convert series for 2025 and want me to help teach the leaders. Prayerfully, this is the beginning for them to help train all the other Slavic churches in Washington.
- Pray for our mass wedding this Nov 30 and our pastor's seminar in Mindanao.
- Pray for our 3rd preschool started in the critical area in Muslim Mindanao. Our hope is to evangelize families.
- Pray for Margie (center), whose skull was severely cracked in a hit-and-run accident. She was given clearance to go back to school, but she has been constantly experiencing dizziness.

We are sending her back to the neurosurgeon in the public hospital. She is a second-year education major. We are still praying for a surgeon who can pull up the eye of Angel. She is doing good. When she smiles the eye tightens. When she doesn't smile, it drops.

