

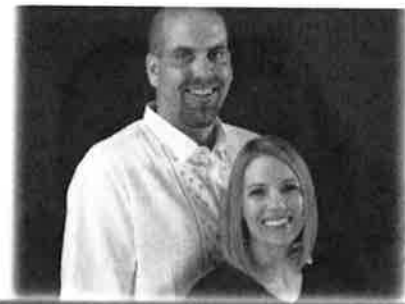
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April is the start of summer break for schools here in the Philippines, which means that one-year of our feeding center is complete. After a rough start we are very excited about the doors of opportunity this compassion ministry has opened for starting a church. We have been welcomed into community homes where we, along with our Filipino team, have been invited to start Bible Studies. Every weekend we are having around 90 people in Bible studies. Please pray with us for their salvation.

It was a joy and an honor to participate in a closing ceremony of the feeding center, held by the school, as a thank you for feeding around 35 kids everyday for the entire school year. Kids sang songs of thanks and performed a Filipino cultural song/dance. Receiving thank you cards from the kids was so special. Trisha Mae wrote, "Thank you for the food and to all who gave for the food. Thank you for the stories of Jesus that you teach to me and the other children and for the chocolate."☺ This has been a great ministry for us to connect to the community and meet people. All of the kids improved in weight and were less malnourished at the end of the year, which was a great success! We know that the times of sharing Bible stories and investing in these kids was worth it and we want to say thank you for helping us make this possible with your support and prayers.



We are so thankful for Ruth and Marjorie – part of our Filipino team - who keep the feeding center going everyday.



School administrators and teachers at the feeding center closing ceremony.



Prayer requests:

- Summer activities and Bible Studies.
- Praise the Lord we have been able to save and raise almost 1/2 the amount needed for a bigger vehicle to transport more people on the weekends.
- Additional property has become available to purchase. Please pray the owner would sell at a fair price. Thankfully there is a donor who will match up to \$30,000 if we raise the 1st \$30,000. This would allow for future expansion and growth in a very crowded growing city.

