

News from Joanne in the Philippines

*"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
for His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:21-23*



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Dear Friends and Partners in Mission,

As we go through these uncertain times, let us wait upon the Lord and place our complete trust in Him, who will never leave us alone.

The virus has hit hard here in the Philippines, as it has around the world. We have been under home quarantine for several weeks now and many are desperate to find food for their families, as work and paychecks have ceased. The government is giving some help, but the needs are overwhelming. Thank God for churches that are doing their best to bring hope and help to as many as they can.



We thank God for the brave Front Liners who are risking their lives for us all. As of today, the Philippines has lost seventeen of their finest doctors and more than 200 doctors and nurses have tested positive for the corona virus while serving in the nation's hospitals. Please pray God's comfort, healing and protection for the doctors, nurses and all who serve.

Thank you for helping us to share the Good News of our risen Savior. People are afraid and are looking for hope. We have a wonderful message of hope in Jesus - not only for this life, but for ever! We are here to partner with our Filipino churches as they share the love of Jesus.

Before the virus, one of the highlights of this year for me was teaching at the Bible School. In February, we began a class in New Testament at a university in the north part of our Island. Though, for now, we have had to postpone classes due to the corona virus, we look forward to being together again soon.

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(Please see next page for photos, taken earlier this year)



So very happy to receive a bowl of rice porridge



Children worship God with pure hearts



Sharing the Word of God at an afternoon outreach in the south part of our Island



Refreshing sugar cane juice



New Testament class, North Negros University