



Day 1

“I am the servant, Jesus is the boss.”

It’s our first day in the ministry centre and all of us had different expectations of what serving the people in the Philippines would be like.

We started of the day by gathering together in the meeting room for morning devotion and worship. The scripture for today’s devotion was taken from 1 John 4, and it was about love. I personally think that going through a couple of bible verses in the morning was helpful because it reminded us about the way we should act – loving our brothers and sisters (in Christ) wholeheartedly because God’s unconditional love for us.

After that, our team split into smaller teams. Some were sent out to the slums to feed the locals who lived there, while some were sent to serve at New Faith Family Children’s Home.



I, with a couple of youth and adults, were sent out to do the feeding. As soon as we arrived at our destination, happy and excited children started crowding around us because they knew that we brought food and some old clothes for them. Many of them, old or young, lined up around the truck to get some food for their families or for themselves and just the sight of that broke my heart because I know that we take so many things for granted while people are only living on what doesn’t even count as “good” in Hong Kong. Seeing pictures or hearing about poor families starving and living in the slums can’t compare to experiencing it in real life.

The others were sent out to serve at New Faith Family Children’s Home. Some of them taught in the “Early Childhood” section, reading books to kids and teaching them to draw. Some helped out feeding the babies and toddlers in the nursery, while the others entertained the kids by making balloons for just playing and chatting with them.



After lunch, Jeff shared about how his ministry started and then we toured the areas KIMs was cooperating with so that we could orientate ourselves with the ministry. We visited the dental clinic, schools and orphanage and got a glimpse of what happens in these places. It didn't take long to get used to the friendly culture in this area we are staying at as most of the people we encountered would say "hi" or "hello" to us with a smile.



After a long day, we hung out in the compound and enjoyed the facilities in here. We played basketball with some of the boys who lived here (they are insanely good at basketball) and cooled down in the pool. We did make some fun memories like jumping off the roof into the pool and four enthusiastic boys going down the slide, haha.

We went back to the New Faith Family Children's Home to watch the kids perform. They were really good. I was surprised because the kids who were only 5 years old knew the words to song "Our God".

We wrapped up the day by worshipping and reflecting on our service in here. Everybody had their own reflections from the day that brought encouragement to all of us.

We ask that the members of IBC continue to keep us in your prayers. Thank you so much for your support.