



Day 2

“Jumping is like sliding down the slide, but without the slide” – Jasper

Waking up today was harder than yesterday due to lack of sleep caused by sub-zero air-con temperature. However, the food was to die for, it prepared us for the long and eventful day. After morning devotions, we split into three teams – one going to the slums to feed the underprivileged community, another going to the orphanage to build relationships with the children, the other going to the local pregnancy center run by KIMs.

Feeding in the slums is always an eye-opening experience. Witnessing poverty at first hand was impacting. One could not imagine the harsh reality that these people face on a daily basis. There are children aged no more than seven which are seen on the streets caring for infants, their parents either nowhere to be seen or out working. This is why forming relationships with and expressing affection towards these children is so important.

When we arrived in the slums, children eagerly ran out to meet us, excited to see different faces and make new friends. As we unloaded the supplies, Immanuel and Miles ran through the village leading a group local boys and girls yelling, “FEEDING TIME!!” They all lined up, holding up whatever they had to receive the food. Meanwhile, Tavita entertained a handful of children who lovingly called him, “Kuya”, which means older brother and “Big monster.” This image was very touching to our team and inspired all of us to emulate his example.

Meanwhile at the orphanage, Matthew gave guitar lessons to interested teenagers, teaching them various techniques. When asked about his experience, Matthew jokingly quipped, “My fingers hurt-ia, I don’t want to play anymore.” Outside in the courtyard, Henson started a volleyball game. He had a blast.

At the pregnancy center, the group of ladies joined with volunteers in caring for expecting women. We participated in devotions and special stretches. After a brief introduction, we spent the next hour interacting with the women, learning about their lives and struggles. All of a sudden, a

midwife anxiously ran out, informing our group that a laboring lady had refused to go to the hospital due to her financial situation. Our team quickly prayed and discussed whether or not to cover the expenses. The team decided to cover costs involved with the situation and immediately moved to get the process underway. God perfect timing was evident, as everything fell into place. The woman later gave birth to a healthy son without undergoing the surgery previously planned. The team celebrated this event and praised God for his guidance throughout.

As we continue our ministry in the coming days, we ask that the members of IBC continue to keep us in your prayers. Thank you for your support.