

SISON in ACTION

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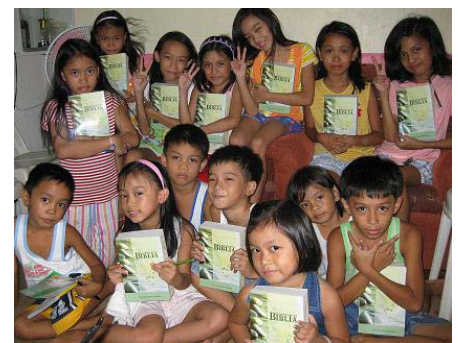
“I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. 2 Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.” (Psalms 116:1-2 NIV).

In the middle of March, we (Susan and Raffy) received a call from the States, a friend of our son informing us that Bryan was incarcerated. We were so shocked in disbelief. Being too far across the globe, as parents, we felt so down and helpless. We cried out to GOD asking for wisdom, understanding and comfort. While praying, we both realized in our hearts that this is GOD’S answer to our prayers. We have been praying for GOD to bring our son back on track, what ever it takes.

We both decided that I go visit Bryan. Before I left the Philippines, we have learned that a few of Bryan’s friends put together some money for his bail. Since construction halted in California, he has been out of work for almost a year. After a week stay with Bryan at his place, he received an eviction notice. We therefore quickly emptied out his apartment and moved all his personal stuff to a storage place nearby. I thank GOD for one of Bryan’s friends who offered a room in his house for him to stay. Bryan was ordered by the court to complete a total of twenty four hours counseling and thirty sessions of support group meetings. Bryan may have been caught in a jam only because GOD’S hands are at work continuously disciplining and steering him back to fellowship with GOD and His people.

In **Valenzuela**, the adults continue to be a major challenge in the ministry. While a few stays committed in their walk with the LORD, majority are still very much entangled with their worldly cares. We pray and hope that more of the adults will rise up and get involve in edifying the Church.

Praise GOD a new pre-teen group gathers in Francisco (30min walk from Star Apple). They were so excited to receive a personal copy of the Tagalog Bible to keep. We thank GOD for our partner pastor Anthony, who in my absence remains faithful in helping our pre-teens continue to fellowship and grow in their knowledge of the Word.



Last March, we (Susan, Amanda, Joshua and I) treated the Star Apple pre-teen group to Mc Donald’s at the nearby mall. All cramped in our vehicle, we sang songs of praises to GOD throughout the trip. The kids were amazed with the big glossy tiled floors in the mall where they ran and skid. After briefly observing, like a carnival ride, they took turns riding up and down the escalator waving at each other. Then after strolling in the mall, we all dashed to McDonald’s and Susan blessed each child with a Happy Meal that came with a toy. We all enjoyed the fellowship and the good food as well. When we got back to the Kubo (shed) at Star Apple, we gathered and did a little reflection and there we learned that most of them have not been in a mall much less eat at McDonald’s. Before we said our goodbyes, Amanda and Joshua blessed each child with a bag of goodies they both prepared the night before.

A week before the local school classes start this year, we were able to hand out a bag of school supplies to every school age child we met at Star Apple, San Gregorio and Francisco. Praise GOD for His provision!

Street Children

In order for us to effectively minister to the street kids, we have to take each child individually off the street and put them in a shelter type of place, where both physical and spiritual feeding is provided. A place where love for GOD, for self, and for others can be experienced and learned. A place where basic academic skills like reading and writing is taught. A place where we help prepare them get back to school or join the work force and be productive citizens. Please join us in prayer as we ask GOD to allow us to build a center/shelter that may help address the need for Street Kid ministry in the country.



Antipolo Lot update – What we thought was GOD’S plan turn to be **not**. We have all been praying and hoping God willing, we start slowly building this year a shelter/center for the Street Children (some of which are rugby sniffers and young prostitutes) Ministry on the lot that was donated to us for our use in the ministry. However, due to some personal issues, the lot donor unfortunately had a change of heart.

Supporters Visit – we are so encouraged and blessed when our donors/supporters like you come visit, witness and fellowship with the people we work with in the field. Thank you for standing by us!



“Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness”.
(Psalms 115:1 NIV)

Family Matters



Amanda continues to work hard in getting high grades in preparation to get a scholarship when she goes to college. She joined the school track team and enjoyed participating in track meets where they compete with athletes from other major schools like Ateneo, La Salle, Brent, International School and University of the Philippines. She’s moving on to 10th grade this coming school year.

Joshua had his first Outdoor Ed experience this year. There he learned a few jungle survival skills like how to start a small fire and how to cook food using bamboos. Each student also experienced to eat a fruit bat. Joshua is also taking Taekwondo classes for his afternoon activity in school. Their instructor is a missionary pastor from Korea.



A week after I (**Raffy**) got back from the States, my earthly father passed away on May 25th and is now with the LORD.



Susan continues to lead her weekly Women Bible Study. It is common to see small churches use flip charts placed by the pulpit to help the congregation participate in singing the worship songs. They flip through pages depending on the number of songs to sing. Normally these charts get badly crumpled or torn due to strong winds. With the help of her Bible study group, Susan gathered, typed and compiled Worship Song Books which we gave to our two local church partners in Antipolo. Both of the pastors and church members of each congregation were so blessed by the Song Books. Ata girls! Praise GOD!

Praises

Praise and thank God for...

- those who prayed with us, those who encouraged us, & those who sacrificially extended some financial support which helped me minister to our son Bryan in California.
- a friend who offered a room at his place for Bryan to stay and also open to a weekly Bible Study in his house
- continued growth in our pre-teen Bible Study groups
- HIS provision which allowed us to purchase and give out more Tagalog Bibles and Bible tracts.
- our reliable vehicles which is a big help to our transportation needs.
- continuing to trust and use us in HIS ministry.

Rafael, Susan,
Amanda, Josh

Prayer Request

Please continue to pray for...

- wisdom & guidance for us to better minister to the needs of the street kids.
- Bryan's spiritual growth and heed to GOD'S discipline.
- our daily protection from the works of the enemy and from any spiritual and physical harm.
- our ministry and co-laborers in Valenzuela and Antipolo
- wisdom as we try to find more creative ways to minister to needy pastors.
- if GOD willing, for us to build a Center / Shelter for the Street Kids ministry.



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