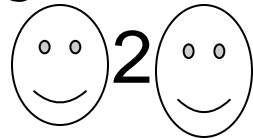


FACES of the Philippines

As Seen Through the Eyes of
Joanie and Will Feuerstein



FACE-2-FACE Ministry in Manila

Exodus 33:11 "The Lord would speak to Moses face-to-face, as a man speaks with his friend."



Hello Friends!

We are in the USA and enjoying reconnecting with family in Columbus. We also have a new granddaughter, Zana, whom we haven't met yet. We want to richly invest in their lives for the short time we are here and set godly footprints for our children and grandchildren to follow. It is part of what the Bible calls "passing the faith along" in Psalms 48, 71, 78 and 145. Son John and wife Jen just bought their first home and we're bubbling inside to share this exciting time with them. Kris fixed up her basement and besides staying with her, we stay in Cleveland. We are so



Amy, Liz Ruby Marie and Grammie

grateful to Riverview Church in the Cleveland area and the foresight of their leaders long ago who set up a wonderful apartment inside the church building to accommodate missionaries needing a place to stay and establish a "home-like" environment with privacy and cooking and laundry facilities. They make us feel loved and welcomed. We're looking forward to visiting with our friends and partners **more towards September** and we'll be in touch to make plans. We already miss our friends, ministry and church family in Manila but we welcome much needed rest and feel less stress this time. Our heads would do loop da loops trying to visit with everyone in a 4-month span. Would you **PRAY** for us during this special time? Thanks! ☺

We rented a car from MATS which helps keep costs down for missionaries and provides insurance for people like us. It's still expensive but we're especially thankful for their unlimited miles policy which helps us tremendously with the many miles we drive.



SMILING IN HEAVEN

We are so sad to report that our precious little Emman died soon after we left Manila. Thanks to all who prayed and supported Heart and Hope during this last year. All money donated to Heart and Hope was given to assist him or the family with burial expenses. He was really struggling the last few months and was too weak to attend school, but he always had a big smile despite his painful life. We know the Lord is good and will reveal more of Himself as He comforts his parents Helen and Othello who are new Christians. Before we left, we connected them with a growth group at our GCF church, and already we know that the body of believers has ministered to them during this time. In all things, we know God is good and working out His plan. Please also **PRAY**



We are so sad to report that our precious



for Emman's little brother Kim, older sister Hennessey, and our own MPE Pastor Jeremy. Emman was the nephew of Jeremy, one of our MPE inmate pastors and how we got involved originally with Emman. We brought the little family to the jail on Christmas Day and Jeremy met Emman for the first time. These good memories will last forever. They all need your **prayers** now.

June 14-18—VBS in Columbus at Hope Community Church, Kris's church.

June 26-28—Help move John and Jen

July 2-9—Visit ACTION office in Seattle

July and August—Be Grammie and Papa. Sort of rest?? ☺♥

August 8—10:45 a.m. Presenting at The Little Church in the Vale. Please come!

September— ???—Sharing God's stories in the Philippines. Talking with people interested in prison work, foreign missions, and reaching out to nontraditional people groups inside (and outside) the prison. ☆Let us know if you or your small group or church want to hear more.

We need an additional \$1550 in monthly partners to return properly funded for the work in Manila.

Please **PRAY** about joining in the ministry of FACE-2-FACE. The following pages share comments from people who have personally visited our FACE-2-FACE ministry & are telling the stories☺



Becky and I had the same job in the inner city rescue missions. She at Akron Haven of Rest and I at The City Mission in Cleveland. We are still partners in spreading the Gospel message of hope! Each furlough Becky and Denny find a way to help us relax. Once was tent camping on a lake, then traveling to Toronto to visit our GCF satellite church and the Welland Canal. This year they helped us warm up by inviting us to their timeshare in Myrtle Beach. It was fantastic, just like them! We thank God for these friends and many others that show TLC for us. Please **PRAY a lot** for Becky, awaiting a kidney transplant.



Ed, Will, Joanie, Dr. Sala and Ken Lok at New Bilibid Prison

Thanks for your prayers. March 26 marked a phenomenal FACE 2 FACE outreach at the men's prison with Dr. Harold Sala of Guidelines and Mr. Ed Wright. Over 150 people attended the event with topics of leadership, anger, stress, conflict, and God's solution, based on Dr. Sala's new book Making Your Emotions Work for You. Dr. Sala donated a copy for each person. It's been said that anger is the "cancer" of the prison and this subject was specifically chosen and requested by our MPE discipleship group. We had a Q and A during the all-day program. **THANKS** to **OMF Literature**, who donated colorful Tagalog-English Gospel tracts about a life without worry. Over 30 different groups were represented at this outreach. Our FACE-2-FACE MPE group issued personal invitations to specific leaders from gangs, diverse religious groups as well as evangelical groups. Besides relevant information with life applica-

tion, another key goal was to demonstrate that Christ loves all people and died for all, whether free or prisoner and those of a different belief system. The plan was for them to take back the teaching to their own groups, churches, and mosques and teach the information there. The men truly enjoyed the day. FACE-2-FACE provided lunch and new relationships were established that will be followed up while we are on furlough. There are many cultural intangibles we may never understand that made this event a very successful one. Below are some comments from our MPE inmate pastors that Will passed on to Dr. Sala, who did a really wonderful job.

- Attendees included representatives of more than 30 groups including the New Peoples Army (Communists), Iglesia ni Cristo (cult), the Mosque inside (5 teachers of Islam, including the secretary of the Mosque) and representatives from the Roman Catholic Church. All the attendees agreed that the topic was very pertinent to the life and situation of the men inside the prison, and this should be an annual event. Dr. Sala spoke slowly and distributed notes for all to understand.
- The men noted it was well ordered and organized. This represented an answered prayer as chaos sometimes accompanies these types of events.
- The event showed other evangelical groups the need for working toward building the Kingdom of God rather than the denomination or church.
- Over 90% of invitees attended, again, showing the need for more training on the topic. Each of our men we work with invited personally all the attendees and will follow up with the groups.
- Our men are excited to have built more relationships with non-believers for follow up and sharing Christ.

Dear Friend,

At times God raises up special people to do difficult tasks that would frighten or panic ordinary people. Such is the challenge God has entrusted to Will and Joanie and their ministry known as Face 2 Face! Working with rapists, murders, extortionists, and perverts is more than many people can handle, yet they are the kind of people that desperately need Jesus!

Working in Bilibid Prison (just outside Manila) where 12,000 men are incarcerated in the maximum security area, Will and Joanie have established a beachhead for God. Will and Joanie see only lost men who need God's forgiveness and compassion! I know! I've just been there. My first visit to Bilibid was in 1975 where a very brave woman, beloved and known by prisoners as Mommy Olga, established a work.

Building on what she did, Will and Joanie regularly visit the prison, pray with the men, love them and bring them to Jesus Christ! Remember, it was a criminal on the cross that was touched by the love of Jesus as He was suffering. He cared about that man, and Will and Joanie care about the lost men of the Philippines.

Will and Joanie are not looking for plaudits or praise but they need partners who will join hands and hearts with them in making their ministry possible. Bottom line: they need your prayers and financial support.

I wholeheartedly endorse their work! It's still true: "The harvest is great; the workers are few!" May God use you to touch lives for God!

Yours and His,

Harold J. Sala, Ph.D.

From Paul and Oreta Burnham

My wife, Oreta, and I were privileged to visit the Maximum Security Prison in Muntinlupa, Philippines, and see firsthand what Will and Joanie had accomplished in their Face-2-Face ministry there. We were able to see the impact of their teaching those men that society has deemed outcasts.

They assigned a prison inmate to each of us to be our guide and to accompany each of us as we were able to go throughout the prison. Several inmates gave testimony to God's grace in bringing Will and Joanie to teach and disciple them. Some said if they had not been imprisoned they might never have been saved and would probably be dead now because of their former activity.

Will and Joanie make friends with many of the inmates, developing relationships that may lead to an opportunity for future witness of God's grace. They disciple the Christian inmates so they in turn will make friends with other inmates and give opportunity to witness and share the gospel with them.

We were able to spend two days with them and saw the impact it is having on many inmates. They also are able to contact family members and have a ministry inside and outside of the prison.

Will and Joanie have made friends with some of the Muslim inmates that held our son and daughter-in-law captive. They introduced us to some of them. We had a good conversation with one in particular who spent a lot of time with our son Martin and wife Gracia during their year of captivity. It was good for us to hear of some of the times they had and some of the conversations he had with our son, Martin.

It is our prayer that God will continue to use this Face-2-Face ministry and see some of these Muslims come to know the saving grace of our Lord and Savior.

From the Inmate Pastors in our MPE Discipleship Group, Behind the Bars

For almost 3 years now, Bro. Will and Sis. Joanie have been effective in ministering God's Word to us and they continuously help us to understand the significance of personal evangelism. As a result of their effort, your ministry works have expanded involving the soldier-inmates, the political prisoners and other diverse groups inside the penitentiary. The various programs and activities address the spiritual and physical needs ...such as personal evangelism, seminars, Bible studies, Christian concert, basketball games among others (*and*) have significantly enhanced our sense of value and respect for ourselves and other people.

It is our fervent hope and unceasing prayer that this Christian couple will still be with us uninterrupted and continuously allow them to be channel of blessings to all of us here.

We're only at 73% of our needed budget.

We really need your help, more than ever. Your prayers and donations to FACE 2 FACE make all this possible and we are truly part of a team with you. **It's not just us. It's God and His people working together. Thank You!**

One of the stresses affecting us is being underfunded. Like many of you, our basic expenses have increased including the new ☺2☺ ministry at the women's prison on the island of Mindanao. We depend on donations for living expenses here and in Manila, medical, taxes, plus the ministry expenses as well.

Your prayers are also critically important to us. 142:7 is a circle of praying women around us. Dr. Lois Dodds of Heartstream Resources commented that we are working in the lion's mouth and need more prayer intercessors. Will you consider committing to daily prayer for us & MPE? Many thanks, friends.

➔ ➔ **HAVE you flown with Delta Airlines or Northwest?** If you have air miles with Delta (or formerly Northwest Airlines) and would like to **donate miles** to us, let us know. It'd be a great help for our air travel here as well as overseas. Our SKYMILES account number to use would be: Joanie 9001334359 or Will 6529334614. Let us know via email if you choose to do this so we can track the miles and can thank you.

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Dear Friends of Will & Joanie,

May I take a few moments to tell you what a blessing it is to know and partner with Will & Joanie Feuerstein? My name is Missy Melvin and I work in the Philippines. I was a member of a Bible translation team on a small remote island and two or three times a year would go to Manila to get work updates, seek computer help, and take care of medical needs (and catch a movie and a pizza for restoration purposes!).

When I met Will & Joanie in Manila, I was impressed by their transparency and openness to the people and culture. There are many downtrodden and homeless in the metropolis, what many would consider outcast and even untouchable. I have been touched by the love and compassion that Joanie & Will show these people. They show them Jesus values them and loves them unconditionally. They show them through touching them in so many ways – of course their big smiles! But also through simply talking to them, giving food, medical help, opening themselves and their home, giving His Word, being Jesus to them. Their testimonies have made me want to know them better, and I have.



The past few years my assignment changed in Manila to managing our organization's Publications Department. Since 1953 our teams have helped translate Scripture and literacy materials in almost 100 languages! In some projects our translators have to work remotely because of religious differences or peace and order problems, so getting Scripture out is most difficult or impossible – but God is changing that!

While in Manila, I saw Feuersteins' prison ministry explode (the good way!). We talked about the prisoners and how they came from all over the Philippines. They represented numerous of the country's over 170 languages, and several of its religions, including Islam. Through God's leading Will quickly began taking down lists of prisoner's languages and

started matching them with mother-tongue book inventories I gave him. The rest is really history – HIStory! Will & Joanie have been able to freely distribute Scripture to these men and women, hungry for anything to read. God IS transforming lives!

I can't tell you how EXCITING it is to be a partner to their ministry. If you already are a partner to Will & Joanie, you know what I am talking about and how humbling it is to be used to reach every tribe and language and people and nation. Thinking about being a partner? Do it! God will touch you and use you for His glory!

Partnering with you so all may know,

*Missy
Melvin*

To friends of Joanie Feuerstein,

Watching Joanie minister in the women's prisons of the Philippines is a joy. To see her compassion for these women who are confined sometimes for life against their will shows the love of Jesus "with skin on." She reaches out to those who would be overlooked by most people. And she points them to the only person who can change their lives and give them purpose—even within the prison walls.

Joanie doesn't just give these women Bibles, gifts and candy bars. She knows that teaching them to expect handouts alone is not wise. But building them up in the Lord because she cares teaches them to depend on Him. She forms friendships not only with the prisoners but with the officials in the prisons which opens doors for future ministry there as well.

Prison work does not always bring instant rewards or gratification. But Joanie keeps on keeping on with this important ministry, using her own personal support to meet the needs of the work when ministry funds are depleted. I've been there with her and have seen for myself. And I highly commend her. She deserves your full support.

Darlene Sala
Guidelines International Ministries

Bonnie Thompson, Elderberry Team of First Baptist in Oak Grove, Missouri

"...We had a tour of the grounds, it was hot, dirty and heartbreaking. The tour of the hospital was especially sad. Many of the men were on steel beds and some didn't even have a blanket between them and the steel. It was hot, had no air conditioning and according to our standards, filthy. They do the best they can, but there is only so much that can be done with the funds they have for operating. The need is great.

It was a life-changing experience for all of us. I only wish that more people could have this experience and their hearts would be opened to help keep this ministry of FACE-2-FACE alive and active in the prison. We can't all go, but we can all help."