

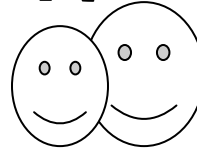


3 Sad Faces

Please Pray for the
Physical and Spiritual
Hungers in the World
and for Peace

FACES of the Philippines

As Seen Through the Eyes of
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FACE-2-FACE Ministry ©-2-☺



**REMARKABLE
MOMENTS**

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



REMARKABLE YOU

THANK YOU! We are humbled how God moves certain people to give of their income to our ministry, quite **Remarkable**. Your money keeps us paying the light bill and going with God, into some **Remarkable** places, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Thanks for being so thoughtful of our needs, ministry expenses, and us. We have many reasons to praise the Lord and our partners are one of them. We are praying this is the year of the harvest for seeds lovingly sown in the lives of so many dear ones. Our verse this year is 1 Samuel 3:18b "He is the Lord; let Him do what is good in his eyes." (NIV)

Reading Luke 22 reminded us of **Remarkable Moments**.... like when Jesus was in the garden and sweating drops of blood. He walks out to see His closest friends and chosen apostles *sleeping!* IMAGINE facing death and stressed to the max, and those you love don't seem to care! When I was preparing for cancer surgery here in Manila in 2004, and wondering if I'd make it thru the operation, imagine if I would have walked out of my hospital room and saw Will doing card tricks for the nurses! It was a **Remarkable Moment** in the garden of Gethsemane. And in the next few verses, as Jesus was being led away by soldiers, we read about Peter's denial of knowing Him. It was a **Remarkable Moment** when their eyes met. This issue of FACES shares some of God's **Remarkable Moments** in our lives and ministry.

SAD...AND REMARKABLE!

Our mouths hung open when our long-time friends and national workers in Batangas, Eva and Duding, changed their minds about being a part of F2F with us. We still don't understand this decision after their positive response throughout many months of prayer, talk, and planning. Though menopause was one reason, somehow this just doesn't seem quite like a complete answer to "why?" Such is real life in cross-cultural relationships and not everything has a happy ending.

REMARKABLE PROVISION

☺**HOME in the USA**☺-God has always provided a car and place to stay since we sold both in 2001. He spares us worry on trips to the USA. We are grateful for the kindness and generosity of Riverview Church and Bill and Roxanne Reynolds for making us feel welcomed and providing, at no cost, places to stay and a car. THANK YOU! Furlough plans are mid-May thru August. ☺**HOME in MANILA**☺-In order to keep our home, we continue to pay rent here while we furlough. Sherly and Hazel will housesit for us and so we help each other. Hazel is one of the girls I disciple here and God has now moved her into missionary training with YWAM DTS in anticipation of career missionary work with Muslims. God gives us many children here to love. ☺**MONEY**☺-"*The Gospel of Jesus Christ is free, but it takes money to keep the Gospel Wagon in Tongaland*"☺ (Malla Moe as quoted in *World Shapers*.) In Tonga or Manila, the 'wagon'

doesn't roll without funds. Would you consider becoming a monthly partner with us this year? Maybe you have friends that want to get involved? Any amount is appreciated and helps. Our situation has changed due to the declining exchange rate for our dollars (P56 declined to P40 in the last 2 years). One example is the P10,000 (\$200/mo) salary we pay our Pastor Rogie but now equals \$250 and not budgeted. We are faith workers depending on God to prompt people to share in providing personal living expenses and work/ministry expenses for FACE-2-FACE. We love our ACTION family and couldn't be here without their help, prayers, encouragement, counsel, and administration of our donations etc. Nearly all people in our ACTION Ministries, including directors, raise their own support, like us. Raising additional funds is a necessity on our furlough.

REMARKABLE RESPONSE

Over 400 inmates enjoyed Darlene Sala's "Encouraging Words for Women" at CIW, the national women's prison. Vangie, my Chinese-Filipino friend and church mate, did a fantastic job translating. We submitted a proposal and qualified for ACTION funds designated by donors for use only for conferences, allowing us to put on this event. Thank you ACTION! Thanks to Darlene and Guidelines Ministry for donating 50 of her books, Created for a Purpose, and ministering without any fee, a labor of love. 6 women responded to the invitation with 175 response slips indicating a desire to join Kingdom Seekers.

“Pray for us. We have no doubts about what we’re doing or why, but it’s hard going and we need your prayers. All we care about is living well before God. Pray that we may be together soon” (Hebrews 13:18,19, The Message).

CONTACT INFORMATION ~ HOW TO DONATE

To partner financially in the work we’re doing, checks can be made to **ACTION** & a note with our **name** and **# 40047**.

Mail to any office below or give on line at www.actionintl.org. **THANKS SO MUCH!**

You can also write us via the **ACTION USA office address** or email: joanieandwill@actionintl.org or to our **HOME address**:

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REMARKABLE OUTREACHES, REMARKABLE PROJECTS,

REMARKABLE PARTNERS, REMARKABLE INMATES,

REMARKABLE GOD!



After delivery to the prison, the folded tarpaulin was loaded onto a wooden pushcart. The prisoners then rolled up the tarp in the gym and carried it to the dorm. It was tied with ropes and hoisted up by hand to the roof above, where the inmates installed it.

REMARKABLE

Prison inmates from the police/military dorm carry the tarpaulin, the size of a basketball court. Greenhills Christian Fellowship, our home church here, partnered with us and purchased all materials to help meet this desperate need for a roof for the 247 prisoners, former law enforcers and military, living there.



Mike & Arlene Kantola with their church, Millcreek Community, sponsored 2 outreaches. The first fruits of the harvest from gardens planted at the school and death row will be donated as part of our new feeding program to minister to some of the poor/elderly inmates. The Bureau of Plant Industry supplied local seeds and donated some also. 😊😊😊

Another outreach was in the political prisoners/Communists dorm. A new cistern was needed because of flooding and health problems from the current water supply. Arlene’s tears could have filled the cistern at the dedication to the Lord ceremony. The “turnover” was to the chairman, “J” shown here with head bowed.



REMARKABLE STRESS

Many of you have prayed for MD, an American young gal (40), who came to Christ in prison here and was released on parole in September after 8 years. She has been overwhelmed by stress and many severe trials including harassment by text. In January, she had emergency surgery to drain fluid around her heart. Please pray for healing and our efforts to help her back to the USA based on medical and security reasons. She has been glorifying God with words and actions, as people witness her unexplainable peace and strength through this traumatic journey of freedom.

Most of you have read the saga of D.O., an American acquitted after 13 years in prison here, but now incarcerated at immigration jail. It's been 6 months! Pray for him to accept the reality of Jesus Christ and His peace and forgiveness. He has been promised release many times, which torments him mentally & emotionally. Thank you Norris Greer for your ministry to record the Bible on DVD with serene scenery. D.O. is illiterate so this was a perfect gift to him.

Over 400 inmates at CIW attended *Encouraging Words for Women* presented by Darlene Sala in January.



FACE-2-FACE



Praying for babies **Behind The Bars** with their moms



Some women are already pregnant on arrival, so their babies can stay with them until they are 1 year old.

"When I find one who really wants to study the Word and grow in Christ, I disciple him. An inmate who is excited about Jesus can win more people to Christ **behind bars** than most people ever could on the outside.

(*Twice Pardoned* by Harold Morris, page 146)

On Wednesdays at New Bilibid Prison, Will guides our MPE-9 men through the *Experiencing God* study, which God used to set our own hearts on fire for overseas missions in 1999. Our lives and ☺☺ ministry are directed by the Biblical principles of EG. We met the author, Dr. Henry Blackaby at our church.



REMARKABLE that we would meet Dr. Henry Blackaby, FACE-2-FACE in Manila Philippines! With fingers pointed we said to him "you're the reason we're here!" ☺

We heard we're the only American missionaries with RVO status, thus recognized by the Dept. of Justice Bureau of Corrections, as an accredited organization to enter New Bilibid National Prison & bring visitors. We thank God for this legal agreement, giving us access to the people we came to serve.



This is the dorm before the start of the "tarp roofing project outreach." We are here with GCF church mates, the mayor (leader) of the dorm & Abdul, who attends Will's EPO (expatriate outreach) on Thursdays.

REMARKABLE BRIDGES ACROSS CONTINENTS

Greenhills Christian Fellowship,
Bureau of Plant Industry, Millcreek
Community Church, and Mike &
Arlene Kantola ☺ **THANK YOU!**

(Words in *Italics* are quotes from
the report of Rogie Candelario)
Not even **Remarkable Moment**
describes seeing Arlene and Mike
Kantola at the airport in Manila!
Being reunited with and serving
our Lord in prison work with the
man who robbed me at the bank in
1989 was an experience that no
one in the world has ever had.
What a Great God to build this
Remarkable Bridge! Our ministry
focus was working shoulder-to-
shoulder with our MPE inmates
and building relationships with
non-believers inside New Bilibid
maximum-security compound.

"Amen! Praise the
Lord Brother!"
These phrases
came from the lips
of an unbeliever.
His tone of voice
is obviously
sarcastic.

←← This
impression
of Christians
is not
uncommon
inside the
New Bilibid
Prison. The
churches

*established inside the prison seem
to have lost their credibility
because of the troubles the past
leaders got involved with. Pastors
filed charges against each other
that resulted in church splits.
Moreover, moral failures of church
leaders contributed a lot to
unbelievers' resistance to the
gospel. Besides, Christians are
labeled as preachy since they
have a lot of talking without
understanding and meeting the felt
needs of the people in prison.*

🔥 Feuerstein dictionary 🔥
Bible Bombs tear down rather
than build up people

This February, in partnership with
our church here, Greenhills
Christian Fellowship (GCF), the
Kantolas, Millcreek Community
Church in Erie, Pa., and the
Bureau of Plant Industry, FACE-2-
FACE Ministry initiated 3 projects
inside the maximum-security
compound of the national prison of
the Philippines. The 9 men we

disciple, MPE-9, as we fondly call
them, identified needs of fellow
inmates and coordinated the plans
in detail from materials/supplies,
assignments for workers, food, the
dedication ceremony & follow-up to
share Christ with the beneficiaries
of these physical projects. One
day, inmate Pastor Renato made
us special AMERICAN
hamburgers in honor of the
"Americans" and on other days,
served nearly 70 people. Oh, and
dear Pastor Eddie polished up one
bathroom for the women to use.
Arlene learned how to "bucket
flush" a ceramic toilet bowl with no
working parts. ☺ An interesting
contraption that is common here.
This **Remarkable** pioneer
outreach was a joint venture with
our F2F ministry (and you that
support us), prisoners, the
Kantolas, government, and
churches in the USA, in Manila,
and within the prison walls. There
were "no strings attached" for the
beneficiaries thus reflecting the
grace of God freely given to all and
His unconditional love. When
some of our GCF church leaders
toured the area jailing 247 former
police & military, they saw the sky
through the "roof." Destroyed by
fire years ago, it was never
replaced, allowing rain to pour in,
flood the dorm, and diseases to
flourish. God moved hearts in our
GCF missions program to provide
lumber and a new tarpaulin. The
Kantolas and Millcreek that sent
them, built a new & safe water
cistern for the political prisoners
dorm that includes the Communist
Party of the Philippines/New
People's Army (NPA-still active
and dangerous here.) Lots of
vegetable seeds were donated,
purchased, and planted in various
gardens to kick off our trial feeding
program. The Biblical application
is to provide help for some poor
and elderly prisoners from the first
fruits of the gardens. There is not
adequate food for prisoners.
These are unprecedented projects
behind these bars and in
**'established rules of missionary
practice'** as phrased by Hudson
Taylor in Hudson Taylor's Spiritual
Secret. We fall short of expertise
in anything and that's why we

desperately need your prayers to
help us listen to God's voice and
have the courage to obey and go
against the flow, even when we
look like fools.

*Richard (not his real
name) is an atheist and chairman
of the CPP/NPA/NDF inmates. He
usually engaged himself in
debates disproving the existence
of God when someone claims to
believe there is God. During one
of the F2F fellowship meetings he
said; "This is my first time to sit
with a group of people who are
Christians....and I want to learn
more about the God you are
believing...I am very thankful that
there are people like you who care
for us in this lowly situation." He
broke down weeping. For the
entire three days, this man never
left our group. He even attended
the worship service we had
conducted. He allowed himself to
be prayed over and wearing a
smile as he went with us
throughout the end of the week.*

*In addition, recipients of
the new tarp roof attended one of
the church's Sunday service that
week. There are hard core men in
this group of people who speak
boldly against the Christians in
prison. Maybe the reason for that
is their background. They were
formerly police and military who
are now serving sentences in this
prison. They were even cynical of
the project when it was discussed
saying that we are only making
promises and just fooling them like
the people before us who made
promises and did not fulfill them.
Afterwards, they were repentant
and very thankful after their project
was done. Their attitudes changed
from being sarcastic to being
polite. They feel the love of God
through the project and new
shelter given them.*

Getting the materials delivered and
through security clearance was
rough going. Nothing is simple
here, and we always need God
and your prayers. Please pray for
our MPE men, the beneficiaries of
these physical projects, and that
the Spirit's fire would move
mightily through these areas,
igniting hearts that are cold to the
Truth and Hope in Jesus Christ.