



"Knowing God, Taking Action"

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Erin Johnson's Ministry Update



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Hello from Cavite, Philippines! It's hard to believe I've just past the halfway point of my apprenticeship here with Action International Ministries. I thought I'd send you a brief mid-year summary of all that I've been involved doing here.

Street Impact Team

With ACTION in the Philippines, we have almost 40 missionaries on our team, involved in a wide array of ministries. Since arriving, I've joined the Street Impact Team, ACTION's group working with street children. The SI Team works in Metro Manila and elsewhere throughout the country to establish and equip a large network of churches and agencies whose aim is to reach street children with the gospel, as well as help to bring about positive transformation in these kids' lives. During my first month here, I had a chance to visit many of these organizations and be involved in different types of ministries such as feeding programs, shelters and street outreaches. I've also had the chance to join the SI Team in their meetings and help with various projects, including their upcoming summer camp for street kids!

Please pray for God's continued guidance as I become more involved with SI Team and possibly other ministries connected through the Citywide Network.



Mustard Seed

In mid-March, I moved 2 hours from Manila to the 2nd Mile campus in the quiet countryside of Cavite province. At 2nd Mile, ACTION hosts training programs for older youth from disadvantaged backgrounds. Right away I became involved with the Mustard Seed discipleship and sewing program for young women, building relationships and encouraging them, as well as helping them practice their English. Though I was only scheduled to stay at 2nd Mile a few weeks, I loved it so much I am still here today! I truly have grown to love these girls, and it's been exciting to see God moving in their lives.

Please pray for the 7 students of Mustard Seed, that each will allow God to continue transforming their lives and shaping them into the beautiful women He's created them to be.



Outreach to Street Kids

Another reason I've stayed in Cavite is because of the outreach we began for the street children in the nearby town of Silang. After noticing some kids who were sleeping in the downtown plaza area, my friend Krista and I began to visit them once a week, bringing food and fun, simple activities, as well as sharing about God with the kids. At an outreach party we hosted in May, 20 of the kids made a decision to follow Christ! Since the party we've been continuing to follow up with the kids and have even visited a couple of their homes. However, we recently discovered that some of the kids have scattered to nearby towns and have begun sniffing rugby glue, so our ministry to them has taken a difficult turn.

Please pray for wisdom as we continue to develop trust with these kids and attempt to spur them on to have hope in Christ. Please pray for their protection and for provision for their desperate needs.



Personally...

I have been doing well! During the past month, however, I have faced some health challenges. God has been teaching me much about trusting Him in new ways during the process. Also I'm currently facing many decisions about the next few months of ministry as well as decisions about my future after I return home in November.

Please pray for my health and for God's clear guidance as I continue to step forward into what He has for me.

As always thanks for reading and for keeping up with me! I could not be here without your prayers, encouragements and support, so I cannot thank you enough. To receive monthly updates by email, please send your address to me at erin.johnson@actionintl.org. I love keeping in touch! Blessings to you!

~ Yours in Christ, Erin Johnson

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