

A Story of Forgiveness and Reconciliation

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN nine guys from the rough Manila streets are put in the same home five days a week for four months? Some relational conflicts and the occasional fight. This is where discipleship begins at Honest Hands Discipleship Home.

Romans 7:18-20 describes the conflict between knowing what one should do and doing it. Recently one of the students, F.T., turned from the Holy Spirit's working by punching fellow student J.B. in the face. How the two would respond meant everything and would set the trajectory for their lives. Thankfully, J.B. did not immediately retaliate, and F.T., realizing that his actions were wrong, asked for forgiveness.

J.B., however, wrestled with forgiveness, wanting to give a payback. This topic was covered during the weekly devotional time, using Matthew 6:14-15. J.B. knew what he needed to do to bring healing. He knew what God asks us to do, but his way of life includes saving face, taking revenge, and proving oneself to be macho.

His biggest concern was his reputation. What would happen if others on the street found out that he was a coward and didn't fight back? That would make him look weak. Through counsel he shared everything that was going through his mind and learned that God's way is better. A miracle was in the making!



Learning God's truth.

Honest Hands Discipleship Home disciples, encourages, and challenges young men aged 15-20 from rough backgrounds (street kids, school dropouts, squatter kids) to grow strong and deepen their faith in Jesus Christ as they serve Him. Greg and Sarah Seiling are the ministry leaders, and there is a need for more missionaries to help the F.T.s and J.B.s grow in Christ. Please consider joining them.

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FAR-OFF LANDS

THE LYRICS OF A popular children’s song say: “Read your Bible, pray every day, pray every day, pray every day; and you’ll grow, grow, grow.” At the final “grow,” everyone jumps up from their seats. ACTION missionaries in far-off lands want children to jump up and grow in our Lord Jesus.

Educators tell us that children go through several stages of life, each requiring a different approach to learning. But the beauty is that at every stage, the minds of children are receptive to truth. They have a natural curiosity and an inner desire to learn.

Scripture instructs us to give children a solid foundation, and children’s ministry is the vehicle for teaching them God’s truth early in life. The church desperately needs mature Christians, and the process of maturation begins when we provide children with spiritual milk (1 Peter 2:2). This establishes a groundwork for producing fruit when tested (James 1:3).

Research undertaken by the Barna Group indicates that more than 96% of adult believers accepted Christ before the age of 18. There are two billion children in the world—many of them in far-off lands—who need to grow in Christ.

In a comment sent to the BBC, a man said that it was his Welsh Sunday school experience that provided him with an unshakable spiritual foundation. “Now in my 70s,” he wrote, “my wife and I shop in Tesco-Lotus (in Thailand) – we look around and are reminded of the delightful hymn we sang so long ago, ‘Remember all the children, that live in far-off lands.’ Sunday school was my opening to the world.”

There is no time like the present to be



Waiting in far-off lands.

shepherding little hearts. Remembering all the children that live in far-off lands, come and be a shepherd in ACTION’s world. These little ones are waiting to hear about our Lord Jesus.

For more information about shepherding children in far-off lands, please contact info@actionintl.org.

–Phil and Mariela Legal are missionaries in Colombia. They shepherd children to grow in Christ.

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