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Bringing help, healing, and hope in Christ to vulnerable children

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A LIGHTHOUSE

WHAT COMES TO your mind when you hear the word “lighthouse”? The definition of “lighthouse” is *a high tower equipped with a bright light and lenses that help guide ships to port at night and alert sailors about sandbars, reefs, and rocky coastlines.*

There is a lighthouse in the Philippines that shines God’s light upon neglected children. The ministry of Andy and Doreen Zuberbuhler is called by this very name. Their ministry reaches out to abandoned and mistreated children.

A young boy named Jimmy was brought to the Lighthouse. He had been homeless with his mom for an unknown period. She lived a complicated life and was eventually placed in a mental institution.

The Lighthouse wanted Jimmy to be safe from the sandbars, reefs, and rocky coastlines of street living.

At first, being in a new place and sleeping in a bed for the first time, the lad was afraid. But, in time, he found a haven of rest



A reunited family.

and transitioned from sadness to happiness. Jimmy bonded well with the other children and the staff. But there was also a family looking for Jimmy. Who were they? How could they be found?

The Lord did a miracle! After a long and tedious search, a social worker found Jimmy’s father and, much more, a grandpa, brothers, a sister, and an aunt. The family was overjoyed. The father said that after Jimmy was born, the mother escaped to another place and kept well hidden. He had looked extensively for Jimmy.

Please pray for Andy and Doreen as they continue to be a light in their ministry to the Jimmies of the Philippines.



BECOME A HERO

WHAT CHARACTERISTICS OR qualities make a person a hero? Is there a hero gene? According to one recent study, the answer may depend on the type of heroism we're addressing.

According to a research paper published in 2010, people who engage in one-time acts of bravery (such as rushing into a burning building or rescuing someone from the path of an oncoming train) are not necessarily that different from non-heroes. Aware of an urgent need, such people simply act in accordance with the famous Nike slogan: "Just do it!"

In this sense, the social worker who found Jimmy's family can be called a hero. This worker acted voluntarily in the service of others who were in need by acting without any expectation of reward or external gain. She recognized and accepted the potential risk and sacrifice and engaged in heroic actions.

ACTION is looking for the same sort of heroes—people who aren't seeking to have their names emblazoned in newspapers, but who desire to humbly engage in ministry.

While, as researchers have found, heroes are often not all that different from average people, there are nevertheless

several skills you can work on to boost your heroic qualities. You can, for example, strive to become more empathetic, hone your specific skill sets, and work at becoming more persistent in the face of obstacles. By so doing, you can enhance your ability to help others and to come through for them in their times of need.

Would you consider becoming an ACTION hero? Both short-term and long-term positions are available. Come. Just do it!

For more information, please send a message to info@actionintl.org.

After ministering for many years in Colombia, Phil and Mariela Legal now minister to needy people on the U.S./ Mexico border.



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