From the Director’s Desk:

Greetings,

To our dear friends and readers, please allow me to share to you one of the amazing true stories I’ve heard. There was a true story once shared to me by a friend about a boy who lived in a remote place where life was so difficult. He grew up in a family not of his own, not a relative either, but a neighbor whom his teenaged mother after giving birth had left him to this couple who had brought him up as their own child. The couple owned a “carabao” (water buffalo) as their source of livelihood in the farm. Everyday this boy is riding at the back of this carabao going to the meadow to look for the green grass and watch the animal eating of which had become his daily routine work.

One day while riding at the back of a carabao he had noticed that most of the children like him are not going to school due to its distant location and poverty in the place. The desire started to grow in his heart to study. This desire was granted when his family moved to the place where school is accessible. He was very happy and inspired being in school with only one desire in heart after he will finish school, to build children’s school in the place where he was born and grew up as a child. After few years later, Elementary, Secondary, & College school buildings and dorms for stay in students and staff were built in the place. It was beautifully developed and helped lots of children because of just one boy whose vision become the reality in the lives of many today. There are countless children who do not have families to bless them. What will happen to these kids? What future awaited them? Who cares to offer them help to achieve their dreams?

I was so astonished by this story and thank God for instilling visions to people whose heart and ears are truly inclined to the calling God has for them. God is looking for people whose heart can touch His heart and whose lives can touch people’s lives. “Where there is no vision, people perish and blessed is the one who keeps the law.” (Proverbs 29:18) The vision of reaching out to the young generations of today is our life. Hope will shine in the dark side of the world just for one man or woman, young or old, who will be willing to extend love, prayers, and financial help to bless and to care for the needy.

Let us be faithful and live like Jesus who came not to be served, but to serve. The seed He has given and shared to us are meant to grow and bring much fruit. Our fruitfulness in His Kingdom is His delight. May the Lord greatly delight in the things we are doing for His glory. As we move on to the call, God promised never to leave us or forsake us. He is our refuge and strength, our very present help in times of trouble. (Psalm 46:1) Let us Glorify Him above all.

Blessings,
Primrose Chavez
MPFG Philippines

MPFG School Updates

The distribution of school supplies, uniforms, shoes, etc. were done last week of May 2012. The supplies were sent to different fields of MPFG through the effort of our volunteered workers & staff. As the MPFG grow, the demand of needs also becomes greater. There are lots of children involved in the program who are yet not sponsored.

College Student

About ten students now are in college this school year 2012. Gina Belleza B006 is one of the college students who are now enjoying her time studying commercial cooking. She is looking forward to become a successful professional business woman someday trusting God to meet her needs. Also the sisters, Ashna Rehmat B005 taking Accountancy Course and Hinna Rehmat taking Entrepreneurial Course were both praying and trusting God to provide their college tuition fees this year. God answered their prayers when their sponsors responded to the need. They also are volunteered workers who assist in the feeding programs and other activities of MPFG with others like Caryn Joy Sevilla E023 (Accountancy student) Carl John Sevilla E024 (Mechanical Engineer Student), Emil Grace Owogowog B016 (Computer Programming), Edilmira Owogowog B012 (Information Technology), Develyn Dumdum A041 (Accountancy), Blessy Pearl Cabiles B049 (Computer Programming), and Akash Rehmat (Marine Engineer). Out of ten, eight of them are still hoping to have the assurance for their college tuition fees.
MPFG Stay-In Students

We have seven high school stay-in students now in the church. We have built two small rooms in a borrowed land next to our church building. One room for 3 boys (Michael Chavez E001, Lester Vivero B064, & Austin Rehmat B011), and one room for 4 girls (Rona Mae Jamelo E015, Ellen Joyce Espino B007, Jona Mae Tanuco B062, & Chelymor Valero B029). These 7 high school students were just the few out of many children with special needs like Lester Vivero, the one who have no permanent address, no family at all to take care of him as he grew up with his grandmother who left him alone when she went to live in Manila with an immediate family. His teenaged mother left him when he was still a baby. Ellen Joyce Espino whose house was demolished and transferred to another place where school is not accessible. Jona Mae Tanuco whose house has been demolished too that took her family to move at the foot of the mountain area in Escalante where life is so difficult and school is in a distant location. She had to walk a long way every day. Chelymor Valero who had grew up in her relative (grandmother) as her teenaged mother left her when she was still a young little girl. She had experienced lots of pressure and had been mistreated by other relative as well chose to leave and now one of the stay in students of MPFG. Due to our limited space and resources we can only cater a few out of many at the moment believing God will make a way for us to accommodate more in the future as the Lord provide us the needs.
The MPFG Summer Training Graduation last April 28, 2012 was indeed a success with guests & friends from Australia headed by Ps Kevin Donohue, senior minister of Tamar Valley Church in Tasmania, Australia. With him were: Ps Lyndon & Maureen Shepherd, Wayne & Pat Blazely, Lyn Dean, & Ps John Hannaford. Along with the certificates of completion that the children have received, we have given them medals and gift certificates as well for the outstanding, sportsmanship, and values awards they have received from their perspective schools. Nearly 200 children were present not including the children in other places who are not included in the graduation. Each department have their special presentation such as: drama, group singing, and group dance related to what they’ve learned from the training. It was such a wonderful time with all of the children and the mothers who stayed with us unto the finale. The program ended with snacks and pictorials, fellowship, & some fun. To God Be the Glory!
Remarks from the Team...

To our God most High, I give all the glory & honor for this 2012 MPFG Summer Training Completion.

To all our MPFG volunteered teachers and staff I salute you for the job well done. It is with much joy seeing you all in unity serving each other and the children with a humble and willing heart. We serve with only one purpose, to bring them into the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ leading a significant life empowered by God’s grace to serve in God’s Kingdom.

To our dear friends from Tasmania, Australia headed by Ps Kevin & the Team,(Ps Lyndon & Maureen, Pat & Wayne, Lyn, & Ps John Hannaford), we thank you and honor you for the unfeigned love that you’ve shown in the work of the Kingdom here in the Philippines. Being our guests during our MPFG graduation is such a great joy and encouragement to us. We truly appreciate your presence & the support that you are giving to the program. I do believe that what we’ve sown together in the hearts of these young ones will someday grow & flourish as we’ve planted not just a tree but a forest.

Blessings,

Primrose Chavez
MPFG Director, Philippines

The faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in Heaven and that you have already heard about in the Word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God’s grace in all its truth.

Colossians 1:6

CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE JOB WELL DONE!

PTR. JOE JEAN C. CHAVEZ
CcC Senior Pastor
“What a joy for me as a team leader to bring our team from Australia to see the blessing of MPFG Graduation. I was so proud to say, “this is what the Lord has our hearts joined with.” Again, what a joy to see the children, to see what a mission you all have and are part of. Well done Primrose and team. May the Lord’s abundant blessings be yours.”

Ps. KEVIN DONOHUE
Team Leader

“It was with great joy that I could attend the MPFG presentation 2012. To see the tangible fruit for the Kingdom of God, the beautiful young people and leader was really inspiring. After an absence of 18 years since I have been in the Philippines, to see the vision continuing to grow is thrilling. I give my Jesus all the glory for this work.”

Ps. JOHN HANNAFORD

“I thought the MPFG Graduation was both inspirational and impressive. It was inspirational because all the children were involved, motivated and brought glory to God. It was impressive because of the amount of planning and organization required. The teachers and leaders have obviously spent much time leading the children to a relationship with Jesus. What a Vision? Fantastic!”

WAYNE BLAZELY
“The Lord has blessed the MPFG program so greatly over the time Wayne & I have been visiting. It’s such a joy to see the development of the children & young people, their Spiritual walk, their giftings and abilities, their confidence and character and their maturing into the fullness of Christ. Much and praises must go to the faithfulness & presence of all the teachers as they serve the Lord in this area.”

P.A. BLAZELY
PATRICIA ANN BLAZELY

“It was a blessing to see all the smiling faces, the dancing and singing and fantastic play, showing all that the children have been learning. Well done.”

LYNDON SHEPHERD

“A wonderful time! The children performed beautifully, we could see Jesus shining through. It’s great to see so many children participating in the graduation. Well done to all the teachers and students. God’s blessing to you.”

MAUREEN SHEPHERD

“Attending the MPFG presentation was a great introduction to the City Harvest Church and the work they are doing here in Bacolod City. To see all the children arrive in buses all excited on their special day I could help but give glory to God for them. I was really impressed to see the dedication of the leaders who contribute all year to teaching the children about God and having fun doing it. I know their efforts are not in vain, for they are raising up the next generation for the glory of God.”

LYN DEAN
MPFG at the Youth Camp May 2012

Since most of the MPFG kids are now teenagers, most of them were able to join in the camp last 9th to the 12th of May 2012. It was such a blessed time and experienced as some of them were just new to such outdoor event & with meeting other people from different places getting to know each other. Group teaching sessions also have helped enhance their understanding about God and their future with Him in eternity, knowing that life without Him is a great mess. Spiritual Warfare was the main topic which was audibly awesome that has truly prepare us for the enemies attack. Games and swimming in the pool has contributed lots of fun in the camp. Of all the fun, teachings, food, and worship at the camp, we have waited for this last part before parting from the place, the water baptism. It has drawn about 40 people lined up for water baptism of which some of the candidates were MPFG kids and loved ones. It was a great day, a day for God’s glory.
MPFG Feeding Program and Caring Network Field

MPFG has just opened a new field for feeding programs where children are gathered for teaching before giving them some food. One field is located at Tangub that has just started last January this year. The other field are in Abuanan and Celine. Caring network are now organizing second hand /used clothing, and other second hand tools to bring to these areas in order to minister to the poor people in the community whose children are also involved in the program aiming for the holistic change to happen in life and environment. The team from Australia were also able to see the place and the children gathered and teach by one of our MPFG college student, Caryn Joy Sevilla and Hannah Grace Agua, a high school student. These children need are not only starving for material food but the food of hope that will keep them going for their future.

At Celine Feeding program with MPFG Volunteered students, Ashna Rehmat & Emil Grace Owogowog.
MPFG Worship Center in Abada Eskay, Bacolod

MPFG in Abada Eskay with Ps Ricardo “Nonoy” and Laarni Pabila are growing. This lovely couple has been working with us at MPFG for almost ten years now. Their dedication and commitment to the work has truly blessed not only us but the MPFG families. Children’s ministry is what Laarni’s passion. Alongside with her are the faithful youth MPFG mothers who have volunteered to help in every activities/programs planned for MPFG. Aside from others who are faithful workers and Staff, Nonoy and Laarni are one of the faithful workers who have indeed work alongside us with the vision the Lord put in our hearts. We are so honored to have them in our team along with other volunteered workers who are serving in the ministry with love and passion.

MPFG Families at Abada Eskay after Sunday worship with guests from Australia.
PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the following:

Church Community Center Building. (Funds to finish the building)

Caring Network & Feeding Program Sustainable Resources.

Extra Funds for College and Stay in Students.

MPFG Equipping Tools in Preparation for the Institute Training for young Leaders.
THANK YOU MESSAGE

To our dear partners and sponsors thank you so much! Indeed our God has brought us in this place of working together with only one purpose, building lives and see them grow in the way God wants them to be. We are so honored to have you as part of the MPFG Family. Your love, prayers, and financial support to the work of the ministry served as our inspiration and encouragement every day as we move on to the goal. We cannot determine how lives are being shaped and molded because of our prayers and dedication together but as we see the fruit growing, we believe God is working in them. Although our natural eyes cannot see the impossible things to happen, our eyes of faith can. We are not limited to what our natural eyes have seen, but believe to what our God can do in the future since He is the God of the possible. May the Lord through His outstretched arm touch you afresh, bless you abundantly, & keep you safe always in all that you do. All our love to you all in Jesus our Lord!

Yours in His Love & Service,

MPFG Team, Philippines