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Dear Friends in Christ,

We praise the Lord for His goodness and provision during this new year. Truly the Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. His mercies are new every morning!

Ministry Updates

- * We had to cancel our services beginning last March 22 through the end of April due to the virus here in the Philippines. Although not apparently widespread here yet, the country has gone into lockdown mode the same as many of you are experiencing. Other than once before for a typhoon, this is the only other time in 25 years that we are not able to meet on the Lord's Day for worship.
- * I am preparing a Bible study each week and making it available online for our church family to use every Lord's Day so they can have a time of worship and guided study.
- * All of our normal summer activities such as VBS, Jr. Camp, and teen camp are postponed until May, Lord willing. We've never had an April without loads of ministry related activities - it just doesn't seem like summer around here this year (except for the heat)!
- * We have been able to develop a new **Youtube** channel called '[Gospel Reach - Manaoag](#)' wherein we are posting short evangelistic encounters reaching out to people in our downtown area. Although mostly in Tagalog they also have English captions. Please watch them and share them as you can so we can boost the exposure of the Gospel as much as possible. Thankfully, the Gospel is never bound (quarantined).
- * Thankfully, all of the kids in our Children's Home are doing fine and staying healthy. The staff and workers are doing well also despite being quarantined. The 2 older boys were of course very happy for their school classes to be cancelled early for an extended summer break!

Opportunities to Help

- * **Home School** - we are praying that we can begin home-schooling the 2 boys in our Children's Home (Philip and Christian) this coming school year. We can register with the local ACE here in the Philippines (they would maintain all

records for the kids) at a discounted (Home School) rate since we are an orphanage. We are praying we can raise \$6,000 which would cover a few needed school room type supplies, the curriculum for the boys as well as the salary for the 2 teachers / monitors (for one year). The teachers were saved and disciplined in our ministry here and are both Dept. of Ed. board passers. Please consider helping in this project for the 2 boys.

Visit our website at:
www.mbcministries.org

- * **Educational Building** - we desperately need space for our Sunday School classes, a nursery area, a fellowship area and office space. Our plan is to put up a 2 story building behind our church building to fill this need. The cost of this project is an estimated \$64,000. So far, a generous gift as well as our own church family's offerings total about \$2,500. Again, please consider helping in this cause.



Prayer Requests

- ▶ **More souls to be saved** - my wife and I have witnessed at length to a brother and sister and we would appreciate your prayers that they would come to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus.
- ▶ **Personal vehicle** - we are thankful that about half of the needed money has come in for us to get a newer vehicle.

We pray for each of our supporting churches and friends especially in this time of testing that God will protect and bless you abundantly. Thank you for your prayers and support on our behalf. May we all remain faithful to Him Who has been so faithful to us all.

Serving the Master,
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