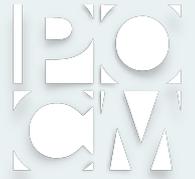


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PRAYER REQUEST

We would appreciate your prayers for our situation regarding the purchase of our school. That the Lord will cause the owners to continue to deal favourably with us and be patient while waiting for the payment to be made.

COMING OF AGE; 'Debut' Celebration

In the Philippines, traditionally young ladies have a special 'Debut' celebration for their 18th birthdays. Whilst we cannot afford to do that for each of our girls in POCCH, by God's grace we try to have one party a year to celebrate all the girls who celebrated their 18th birthday's within the year.

Legally children can only remain in a children's home up to the age of 18, so it is our last opportunity to have birthday celebration for them in POCCH making it all the more special for them and us.



Some of them choose to be re-integrated with family members and others choose to stay on at our halfway home and continue their studies through college.

If you are wondering about the boys....Traditionally boys don't have any special celebration for their 18th here in the Philippines but on their 21st, and even that is quite rare, though we at POCCH have included our special needs children who stay with us until well into their 20's.

We were able to celebrate the Debut of 4 of our beautiful girls. Jobealyn and Aisha who will be remaining in POC to further their studies, and Vanesa and Daniel Label who will be reuniting with their families. It was a wonderful evening for them and for all of us who joined to celebrate with them.

Traditionally the girls are presented with balloons from 18 individuals (usually children), gifts from 18 friends and loved ones and Roses with a dance from 18 young men.

It also gives us an opportunity to publicly express our love for them, scripture verses and godly advice with them and give them our best wishes for their future.

Ma'am Yolanda

Ma'am Yolanda is one of our teachers at POCCA, and has been diagnosed as having an ovarian cyst and needs critical surgery. We would appreciate your prayers for her.

In the Philippines it is often the case, as was the case with Ma'am Yolanda, that people in need of surgery are too scared to even inquire much less schedule much need surgery because of the massive cost and they try to go on with their life and work disregarding their physical need.

Though we are not able to offer large salaries to our teachers at POCCA they are very much part of our family and as

such, when one is hurting we all hurt. They have our full prayer support and sometimes we get to put hands and feet to our prayers too.

The other teachers and myself have united together to do some fund raising projects to show our support. As our prison ministry is still on hold due to the pandemic I seem to have developed a ministry fund raising from the kitchen. But I praise God for this opportunity to show the teachers and other ministry leaders just how much they mean to us, not just in words but with accompanying actions. It's a wonderful opportunity to lead by serving. I just pray that the Lord gives me the baking skills to please the customers as well as raise funds for Ma'am Yolanda.

LUPANG PANGARAP

We are very blessed to have the Purok (village) leader as an active member of the church. Thess is hoping to use her influence to try to get some local government assistance to get the church floor cemented. The outreach team are praying that by God's grace we soon be able complete the main structure of the building and install electricity. Rainy season is

always a difficult time as the floor is thick with mud and our voices cannot be heard over the sound of the rain pounding on the roof as we have no electricity for sound amplification.

It's hard to believe that it has been a whole year since we started having regular Sunday services at our church in Lupang Pangarap. This coming Sunday we will join the church members and children of Shine to celebrate the church anniversary.

POMA GRADUATES

Due to the pandemic the one year bible study course offered by POCF has taken a little longer for our students from year 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to complete. So it was a wonderful day of rejoicing last Saturday (January 30) as 44 students graduated having completed the POMA (Philippine Outreach Missions Academy) course.



a deeper desire to be used by the Lord in reaching out to the lost in our community.

It's wonderful to see the members of POCF having a hunger for God's word and developing

MORE UPDATES

I am really excited at the prospect of visiting my parents, family and friends in the UK after the years of restricted travel. My flight is already booked for February 28.

Lord willing I will also make use of the time to testify of what God is doing in and through the work and ministry of POCM to as many as are willing to have me speak in a church or small group setting. I'm particularly excited to share about our latest project "Give me this Mountain", for the purchase of POC Christian Academy. As you know the Department of Education are now requiring us to own the school facility before they will grant us a permit to operate the school for the next school year (2022-2023), so what was formerly a vision, is now a need, and I am confident that God will supply our needs. Of course we would greatly value your prayers that the Lord will also continue to meet the everyday needs of the children's homes and school. Currently our faith is being tested, but we praise God because it is in times of testing that makes our faith stronger. God has never failed to supply and for that we give Him all the praise and glory. What a wonderful Lord we have.

Every year Monique conducts a Team Building Seminar for the houseparents of POCCH. Since the pandemic the children are home 24/7 which proved to be quite stressful for the staff resulting in them struggling to work together. The Seminar was focused on communication and problem resolution. One particular activity gave them an opportunity to identify the cause of disunity within their team. Most of them discovered that the root of their problem was that they had been neglecting to spend time together around the word of God and in prayer. They have made it their goal this year to make prayer and devotions a priority in their unit meetings and for each of them to pray with the staff member who replaces them as their shift ends. Lord willing Monique will have another seminar in 6 months to review their progress as a team. We really appreciate your prayers for wisdom and guidance for Monique as she leads the staff.

Thank you all for your faithful love and support. It is a privilege to partner with you in the work of God.

Love in Christ

God bless,

Chrissy, Dondie & your POCM Family

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