

POCM NEWSLETTER

Together, let's make a difference!
2026 Third Edition

POC Children's Homes

This month brought both challenges and reminders of God's incredible protection and faithfulness in the lives of our children.

One of the most frightening moments was when Justine was involved in an accident while playing outside with the other boys. During play, another child accidentally pushed him, causing him to slip and become impaled on a metal fence. The rusty metal rod pierced through his underarm, and what could have been a tragic situation quickly became a powerful testimony of God's protection. As we waited for emergency responders to arrive, Justine remained remarkably calm. Instead of panicking, he prayed earnestly, trusting God and

repeatedly saying that it was not too painful.

At the hospital, x-rays showed that the rod had penetrated 10cm into his chest and almost reached his lungs. While conducting the surgery the doctors discovered just how miraculous his outcome truly was. The metal had only

just missed his lungs. It could have caused severe internal injuries, yet by God's grace, the damage was minimal. After the metal rod was carefully removed, Justine was able to return home much sooner than expected, completely healed.

While we are grateful for his physical recovery, we are especially blessed by the faith he displayed throughout the ordeal. Seeing a young child place such confidence in God's care was a powerful encouragement to all of us. We praise God for watching over our little sparrow and for His loving protection.

We would also like to ask for your prayers for Crystal (our little sparrow who suffers with microcephaly who received the new wheelchair featured in our previous news update). She is currently battling a urinary tract infection. Because of her condition, she struggles with chronic constipation and requires medication to help with bowel movements. Her doctors believe this has contributed to the infection she is now experiencing. She has lost much of her appetite and often refuses even to drink, making her recovery more challenging. Our houseparents have been tirelessly loving and caring for her, patiently encouraging her to eat, drink, and receive the treatment she needs. We would deeply appreciate

your prayers for healing, comfort, and renewed strength for Crystal.

Another urgent prayer need concerns the water supply at our girls' home. A new resettlement area has been established by the city mayor very close to the girls

house, causing there to be a much greater demand on the natural water supply. For several weeks, our maintenance team has been working hard to repair the deep-well motor and replace damaged pipes, but the water flow remains very weak. The pressure is not strong enough to reach the girls' home, leaving staff and children without reliable access to water. Our maintenance team plans to dig deeper in the hope of finding a stronger water source, and we ask for your

prayers that this will provide a lasting solution.

In the meantime, staff and children must carry water uphill from the halfway house to meet their daily needs. This is physically demanding for everyone, especially for those caring for the

toddlers in our baby unit. Simple tasks such as bathing children, preparing meals, and maintaining cleanliness become much more difficult without a dependable water supply.

Through every challenge, we continue to witness God's faithfulness. Whether through His protection in times of danger, His comfort during illness, or His provision in moments of need, He continually reminds us that we are not alone. Thank you for standing with us through your prayers, generosity, and partnership. Your support allows us to continue caring for these precious children and sharing with them the love of Christ.

-Monique



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POC Christian Academy

Recently I shared our concern as there were many vacant teaching and staff positions that we needed to fill for the new school year. This last month was a season of prayer, perseverance, and faith as we searched for the right people to join the ministry of P.O.C. Christian Academy.



Today, I am grateful to share that every vacant position has been filled. I was especially touched as two of our newly hired staff are former students of P.O.C.C.A. As I welcomed them as colleagues, I could not help but reflect on how faithfully God has been working through this ministry. These young people once sat in our classrooms

as children. They were taught by the teachers, supported by the sponsors, and encouraged by the ministry that many of you have faithfully invested in through the years. Now they have returned—not as students, but as educators who desire to help shape the next generation. Every child who walks through our doors is a life being shaped for the future. They are future teachers, leaders, professionals, parents, and servants of God.

Seeing former students return to serve strengthens my resolve to ensure that every student entrusted to us receives not only a quality education but also a firm foundation in God's Word. Our desire has always been to raise young people who are capable, prepared for life, and guided by biblical truth.

I am so encouraged that seven members of our current faculty are themselves products of P.O.C.C.A. Their commitment demonstrates that the vision of this ministry is no longer carried by only a few people. It is being embraced by a new generation who believe in what God is doing here. They share our excitement not only for the future school building but also for strengthening and growing the ministry we have today.

To all of our sponsors and ministry partners, thank you. Your faithful support is helping raise a generation that knows Christ, values education, and desires to serve others. The fruit of your investment is becoming visible in ways that encourage us deeply. As we begin this new school year, we invite you to continue standing with us. There is still much work to do, many students to reach, and many lives to impact. Together, we are not simply building a school—we are helping shape futures and advance God's Kingdom.



Thank you for believing in this vision and for walking alongside us. We are excited for our "City on a Hill" school renovation project. And are so blessed to have almost £20K given towards the roof replacement expense. We thank you so much for being part of the difference God is making in the lives of our students. Truly, together, we are making a huge difference.

- Aaron

MORE UPDATES

Thank you so much for your prayers regarding Dondie's and my health concerns.

As I mentioned in our last update, while Dondie was steadily improving, I was more aware that I had a problem urinating. An ultra-sound revealed a tumour in my bladder. As I researched on-line I read, "The overall probability that a bladder tumour is benign is generally low, accounting for only **1% to 5% of all bladder masses.**" As we had spent all our savings on Ptr. Dondie's medical procedures, I researched the prognosis if a malignant tumour in the bladder was untreated...and read "The prognosis for untreated bladder cancer is **generally very poor** Without curative treatment the median life expectancy is approximately 8-12 months for muscle invasive bladder cancer, and 3-6 months for metastatic." So armed with that information, I was prepared for the worst...though not at all with fear, but an amazing peace because "...for to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." What a wonderful assurance we have in Christ.

That being said, I was very thankful that Dr. Rachael Pickering from Integretas happened to be here in the Philippines at the time. She was a great help as I was completely in the dark as to the next steps to take. She helped get me rushed through the necessary tests needed, she accompanied me to consultations with the urologist, and very quickly resection surgery (TURBT), was arranged.

The Cardiologist who treated Dondie and had to approve my surgery asked if I was ok about my situation. I told him that I

go into prisons without any protection, I was nearly killed in a car wreck, but I always have peace, because I know the Lord numbered my days before I had ever lived one of them." What a wonderful assurance we have in the Lord. Complete peace of mind, no matter how bad things may seem. I was probably more concerned about the thousands of pounds it would cost for procedures and not wanting to waste money that could be used on a greater need. But the Lord assured me He would provide that too. The tumour was removed and less than two weeks later the results came back. The doctor told me, "No trace of cancer, no need for chemo, the tumour was removed so no further treatment necessary!!!" I said, "Praise God!!" and he replied, "Yes, Praise God!!!" My cardiologist also sent me messages of crying emojis. They were all surprised it was not cancer. I am so grateful to the Lord of course and for all your prayers.

Nathanael and I will be doing a ministry trip to the U.S. in October 2026. Hopefully also raising support too for our "City set on a Hill" school renovation project. To any of our U.S. supporters, please contact us on FB or email if you would like us to visit your church. We will start in the Texas area and end in Pennsylvania, but we would love to visit your state too!!!

Thank you all once again for your faithful love and support. **Together Let's Make a Difference.**

Love in Christ,

Chrissy, Dondie & your POCM Family

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