



## A. PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

1. Praise the Lord for 40 water filters that came from and through AMEN Board of Trustees. Forty urban poor families in Metro Manila have benefitted from this filtering device. Where drinking water could be contaminated by harmful micro-organisms such as E. coli, due to leaking pipes, the filter has prevented it. The cause of diarrhea could now be arrested.



2. Praise the Lord for two summer teams from America and England. Eleven Americans came in May and 13 last September from England. For one week they all had the opportunity to do ministry among the poorest of the poor with Mission Ministries Philippines. They all had a taste of what and how it is to be doing ministry among the poor. Friendships between them and the Filipinos have been forged. Some of these volunteers have become partners in the ministry. Indeed, God has a wonderful way of enlarging Christian communities where the color of the skin and one's economic status did not catch so much attention; only the cause of Christ mattered. This is what we all long for—when all racial, social, cultural and even physical differences among peoples become blurred in the light of the gospel of Jesus.
3. Praise the Lord for all those who made donations (cash and in kind) for the victims of "Ondoy". Thousands have received food and clothing at a time when these are very essential. Praise the Lord for all the volunteers who repacked the donations and helped bring them to the affected areas.
4. Praise the Lord for Asher's safety while studying at U.P. Los Banos. Although his life was threatened by means of bodily harm by three men, he was able to escape. It was really the Lord who protected him. We had to move him to another university where he doesn't have to look at his back often.
5. Praise the Lord for the continued partnership of our friends and brethren.

## B. MINISTRIES: PINALAGAD AREA.

1. Praise the Lord for the Feeding Program for the children at Pinalagad. Every day an average of 250 children are fed. This is done through the sponsorship of Project Matthew and through other donations. Until last week the feeding was done three days a week only, but now it's six days a week. This schedule will last till end of November, unless more donations will be coming. Feeding the malnourished and hungry children has two results: One is that children become healthier; and two, the fathers need not worry where to find food for their children while they look for jobs. (There are three more areas where there is feeding program: San Buena in Cainta, Baybay Sapa and Arinai) The hard work being exerted by MMP missionaries and volunteers to make this program successful cannot be fully described in this page.
2. Praise the Lord for the Botika Binhi (Drugstore). This modest cooperative drugstore sells medicines at a much lower price. It has the basic meds for colds, cough, fever, allergies, etc. This has really helped the community.
3. Praise the Lord for the opportunities to share the gospel among the poor and to do Bible studies. I have lots of time to simply visit our contacts and pray for them, especially the sick.
4. Praise the Lord for the Leadership Training that I conducted at Pinalagad church.
5. Praise the Lord for the financial help from a gentleman from England for the treatment of a young man at Pinalagad with TB and enlargement of the heart. On October 18 there will be a medical outreach at Pinalagad, and this will be sponsored by Christian Bible Church of the Philippines. Target number of people is 500. Gifts will be given also to 100 children and the 400 adults. Evangelism will be included in this event.

## C. MMP

1. Praise the Lord for a two-day silent prayer retreat which I directed for all MMP missionaries last August. There were 42 of us including a group from a Christian Rehabilitation Center, recovering from drug addiction. Everyone one of them shared at the end of the retreat that the Lord touched them. If they can have this experience four times in a year they will be ready to face any hardship in the slums.
2. Praise the Lord for six new MIT's (missionary-in-training). Training starts today, October 9. I facilitate this training with Raineer Chu and teach some of the courses myself. Please pray God will provide the needs of these trainees; they are more than willing to do anything in their capacity to do what the Lord wants them to do.

## D. Christ Our Life Fellowship

1. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to lead every Sunday afternoon a Bible study group of 8 mothers at San Vicente, a poor community close to the church. Praise the Lord also for three (sometimes more) U.P. students who come to a Bible study on Friday nights.
2. Praise the Lord for the privilege of being able to preach at Christ Our Life Fellowship (COLF) every Sunday morning. COLF meets at our house every Saturday morning for prayer.

## E. Prayer Requests

1. Please pray for wisdom and knowledge as I shepherd COLF and MMP.
2. My laptop is broken. Pray that God will provide a new one. We have one desktop and five of us are competing everyday for its use.