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“Listen to this message from the LORD, you nations of the world; proclaim it in distant coastlands...” Jeremiah 31:10 NLT

Dear Mission friends,

By the wonderful mercy of a loving, eternal Father we can enter into a New Year knowing that the unchangeable and almighty Father God holds our hand. What a comfort and encouragement that we can always look up and know we are His and whatever happens it will be for the good.

Our task is to make the Lord's Name known into the uttermost parts of the earth. That is our



Yvonne & Gretna in the Philippines in a shopping centre

pace setter and our direction and we may never depart from that. He will help and bless us. We are thankful that we don't stand alone but apart from the fact that the Lord is with us in His majesty, it is also important that you, our missionary friends, stand with us and do your part. Thank you very, very much. May you find a lot of joy in being involved in what is pleasing to the Lord. Greetings and blessings for 2017.

A trip to the Philippines and Cambodia

The reason why Yvonne and Gretna's photo has been placed on the first page is because, God willing, they will depart on the 13th of January to the Philippines and also later to Cambodia. There are many important matters that need to be addressed, and we are so grateful towards the Lord that He provided the finances at the right time and also made it known to Yvonne how important it is to go. By the time you receive the newsletter, they might already have left or their departure will be around the corner. Please pray seriously for them, because there is a lot of work to do in those countries.

The latest news from the Philippines

With the writing of this newsletter it is once again the time of the month when the Mission receives the latest reports from the different team members in the Philippines. Rholda wrote a very interesting report and we place a portion of it in this newsletter. We let her speak for herself: *"My bible study with Sarah was doing well. We had been learning the 5 books of Moses because Sarah wants to learn the whole bible. Sarah also shared the word of God to her husband and her children and even to her helper. The Lord is using Sarah to share the Word of God to Sofia who was not a believer at all. Actually Sophia was really depressed with lots of problems and was longing for somebody who could help her. It was a great opportunity for Sarah to share the gospel."*



Rholda left and Imelda next to her then Ely and Gretna at the back!

We thank the Lord for the way in which Rholda taught Sarah and for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit so that she was so on fire that she shared the gospel where it had not been preached. Rholda must make sure now that Sarah will disciple those people.

Another person who is busy changing her area with the Gospel is our dearest Imelda who truly has put in every possible effort to reach her people and also taught them how they need to go on further. We place a small portion of her report and these portions are especially about disciples who already make other disciples:

"Sheila was doing a bible study with her two friends, but had to leave for a while to work in Singapore. Another friend Mrs Corazon helped out and because she was a school teacher she had an excellent way in explaining the scriptures and giving examples. Bam is another person who

has started her own bible study. Thursday is her rest day but she starts with a bible study at 7am with her two office mates named Hanna and Laurie. I help her out when she runs out of the necessary bible scripture references. I stand by her to help, but she is so willing and full of zeal to tackle this on her own."

We are so thankful for this kind of multiplication which takes place now. The Lord is standing fully behind them by His Holy Spirit to help them. Thank you also to Imelda.

Another person who is also just giving her best is our dear Dr Sharon. She has presently a big involvement in the General hospital in Baguio. She writes the following about her involvement there:

"Listening is one thing we need to teach the doctors so they could effectively counsel their patients. I was once more invited to teach the student doctors on November 8 and 10. Another doctor also taught on the subjects of forgiveness and grief and the doctors were very grateful that they could be taught by the volunteer teachers such as us. THEY ARE ASKING FOR MORE CHRISTIAN TEACHINGS."



Dr Sharon together with the student doctors she has a mauve jacket on.

What a wonderful situation, it's just the Holy Spirit who can come into this matter in such a significant way, because not many doctors feel like having Christian teaching. Thank you Jesus.

Past Joel Isang writes the following:

"Daily prayer gatherings. God works through prayer – there are illnesses cured, hopeless people encouraged and some approach us to help them pray. Outreaches in San Isidro, Paniqui, and Tarlac. We started attendance with 38 children, five young people and eight adults. On November 27 we went in that area to continue bible studies. Sister Marjorie ministers to Rolly Litmano and his wife Alice. We see Marjorie is doing her own bible study."

We thank the Lord for all the work that has been done, in the Philippines and also in Cambodia it is going well.



A part of the group of children are doing a song item with movements.

Please Pray for the Following Points!

Don't forget to pray for all the points which have been mentioned. Pray also for a good journey to the Philippines and back, Cambodia and again back to South Africa. Don't forget to pray that the finances will always be enough to let the work go on.

Just want to mention that Mercy is battling in China to get the right kind of visa. Please pray seriously for this. When Yvonne comes back from Cambodia she will once again put together a good portion of the next newsletter to show everything that is happening there. She will then have fresh news and new photo's which will make an interesting newsletter.

Thank you once again for everyone who is supporting the Mission so well, by prayer, encouragement or by giving. May you be richly blessed.

With all our love

Yvonne, the two teams and Mercy in China

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