

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. John 14:12.

Giving Happy Kids Some Fun



Zach, the grand prize winner

Covid-19 restrictions have created stress for both parents and children and has impacted our Happy Kids ministry the hardest. Since March in the Philippines, anyone under the age of 21 has been banned from leaving their home. That means no school, no playing with friends, and for many low income

families, no internet. We have no way to directly interact with most of the children, as the majority of them do not have access to the internet.

We distributed food to our Happy Kids families a couple of times during the pandemic, but this month we decided to deliver some fun. We gave crayons and colored pencils to 46 children, along

with either a coloring book for the younger children or five coloring sheets for the older children. We then challenged them to a coloring contest.

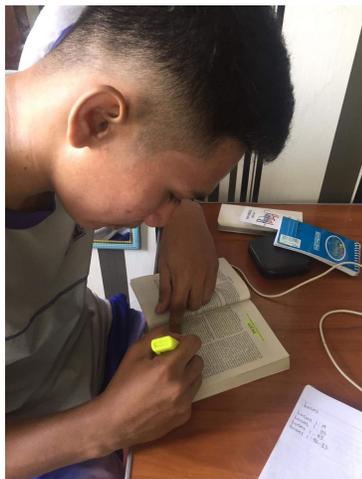
They responded instantly with excitement and enthusiasm, many submitting their coloring pages within hours. Even before we purchased the materials,

as soon as we announced a contest, the children asked when we were going to start. One girl, Kacilyn, asked Melda almost every day for a week!

Though our ministry has been restricted by the government not allowing children out of their homes, we will keep adapting and innovating to meet their needs the best we can. The coloring contest was such a success, we plan future activities packed with fun and Biblical messages.



Apart but Together Through Daily Bible Reading



Despite all the restrictions of late, our young men's and young women's groups in Navotas, Philippines have still maintained their group meetings, only in a different form. Though some still cannot participate regularly because they don't have a phone or computer, GTM Philippines has given the group members who do the opportunity to stay connected with each other, and even positively influence others around them, through their daily Bible reading and posting about it through Facebook. Facebook can be used for free in the Philippines without internet access as Facebook pays the wireless carriers. Since this is the only service like that available here, it actually increases the effectiveness of our efforts to encourage others and evangelize through their platform. Every day many of our young men and women read their Bible, highlight a passage, and then post something short about it. It is truly inspiring to see their age group leading from the front in these times of uncertainty. To ensure maximum participation, this August, GTM purchased and distributed New Testament Bibles, along with a highlighter, to each of the members. We can not wait to see how some of our members have matured spiritually when the government allows our groups to get back together. God willing, we will do our best to reopen at least one group in October.

3,000,000 Filipino Children Missing Year of School



The picture to the left shows four children in the Philippines sharing a cell phone so they can continue their education. Over 3,000,000 students (approximately 11%) did not enroll in school this year because of the expense of online schooling or the poverty caused by Covid-19. The government has indicated children will need to either access the internet for online learning or receive a packet for home learning. Many parents lack the education and funds to help their children. Also, in the United States, many children are either learning completely online or attending school two days per week. Please pray the children will not fall behind educationally because of this and for wisdom on how Greater Things Ministries may be able to help them. In addition, keep praying for an end to this destructive pandemic.

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Third Quarter 2020 (adults only)	Year to Date 2020 (adults only)	Overall 2019-Present (adults only)
Salvations: 0	Salvations: 106	Salvations: 171
Baptisms: 0	Baptisms: 0	Baptisms: 13
Healings: 0	Healings: 0	Healings: 4
New Children Reached: 0	New Children Reached: 6	New Children Reached: 127
Note: Covid-19 halted all in-person meetings.		

Faith Instead of Fear

This past July, I (Chris Palmer), came down with the virus we all know as Covid-19. Even though I did everything right to prevent contracting the disease, including wearing a mask, staying home, and washing my hands, I still became sick. Like many, I thought, "Why did this happen?" As imperfect beings we are all susceptible to sickness and disease. Sometimes it's because of poor choices in our life, sometimes it's genetics, and sometimes it's just random. It wasn't like this in the beginning at the Garden of Eden, but when Adam & Eve sinned, humans were no longer able to live forever, and God allowed sickness, disease, pain, and suffering to become part of our lives. That's just the way it is, and we have to accept it. **What we do not have to accept is that those things will defeat us.** I firmly believe that as long as we remain in God's will and as long as He still has a plan for us on this earth, He will save us when bad things happen. We don't have to be sinless people to avail of God's gracious healing; we just need to be obedient, not just doing good works, but fulfilling the specific work of God's calling. Each and every one of us has an assignment that was given to us by God even before we were born. Some of us have many assignments and some of us only a few. Our assignments might also change throughout our lives as God sees fit. Whatever they may be, as long as we keep doing what God wants, and He has a need for us here on earth, He will keep us going. The current pandemic might be unprecedented, and it might be scary, but no matter how hard the enemy tries to take us out, God will **always be there with us.**



Deuteronomy 31:8: "The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

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Progress on Navotas City Youth Center

Though we have encountered numerous delays due to government imposed lockdowns, the structural work of our construction is nearly complete, and we have already started finishing work. Though the finishing work will not be completely done, we are hoping to have our youth center facility finished enough to be usable by October 1st. Our plan is to start our groups again for those who are able to participate.

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