

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.

Building the Next Generation



Before GTM began working with the youth of Navotas City, the engagement level of youth and young adults in our partner church was inconsistent and quite low. This is not unusual in the church in the Philippines, and the same problem persists in the United States. One recent Sunday I noticed something at church: more than 50% of both our first and second service were youth and young adults. Just one year ago, the first service was so empty on Sunday mornings we sometimes could not start because we didn't have enough workers in attendance. Now, not only do

we have enough workers, we have people participating in the church service.

In addition to all the new people we have added to the church through our evangelism efforts, several of the attendees who had attended church before and stopped because they did not feel connected are coming consistently. All three services, including the youth service, have significantly improved attendance.

These amazing changes are a direct result of our youth and young adult groups. Through all our ac-

tivities such as mentoring, counseling, and relationship building, we are reaching new people, reviving the newly saved, and bringing back those who had stopped attending church. Now that we have grown in number, we are ready to move to the next stage with our newly expanded mission, which is building up the next generation for the church. We want to see gifts and talents revealed in the lives of every group member so that they can realize their higher purpose in life by serving the Lord. One day we expect to see members graduating and moving on from our group as we release them into the city of Navotas, not only to strengthen the existing churches, but to plant new ones. It will be a lot of work to get there, but the hardship of work can never compare to the joy of seeing lives transformed!

Expanding Ministry to Married Couples



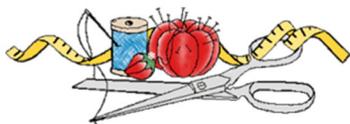
This January, GTM Philippines excitedly welcomed Arnel and Michelle Herrero to the team. They have been volunteers for a while serving in children's and teen's ministries, but have always desired to do more. Arnel and Michelle will continue all their current activities but their new primary focus as employees will be leading our newly launched couples ministry.

In Navotas City, Philippines, young couples are by far the hardest group to reach and retain in the church. When young people marry and have children, life becomes increasingly

challenging as the husband (and often the wife) struggle to support their family. In the high poverty area we serve in, most men just accept whatever work they can find, which often includes work on Sundays. Thus we end up with the problem that many churches are facing here. Young Christians, who were once active in serving in the church, suddenly disappear once they marry and having children.

After a long time praying about the issue, the solution we came up with is the planting of weekly Bible studies at homes across town for evangelism and relationship building. Next, we plan to start a monthly couple's night with free childcare provided so we can minister to and grow our group members. While we are only in the beginning stages, Michelle, who is a trained and experienced evangelist, has invested her heart into the ministry and has already yielded amazing results. Since starting the last week of January, **28 young men and women have come to know the Lord!** With a lot more work and perseverance, I fully believe we will see more baptisms, discipleship, and connection to the local church.

Loving Hearts Sewing Group (Sewing Seeds for the Lord)



GTM has added the Loving Hearts Sewing Group to its local ministries. This group meets once per month to sew for both local and global ministries as well as create hand-crafted items for the GTM store. We are currently sewing welcome baby bags for the Parent

Child Center in Springfield, Vermont. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact us at greaterthingsministries@outlook.com.

First Quarter 2021 (adults only)

Salvations: 45

Baptisms: 0

Healings: 2

New Children Reached: 10

Year to Date 2021 (adults only)

Salvations: 45

Baptisms: 0

Healings: 2

New Children Reached: 10

Overall 2019-Present (adults only)

Salvations: 224

Baptisms: 13

Healings: 6

**New Children Reached:
139**

GTM Missions & Community Outreach Store

GTM Fundraising Coordinator, Theresa Methot, has done an amazing job at raising funds. Last year, she raised \$9,000 selling masks! This year, she initiated the GTM Missions & Community Outreach Store. It is located across from her husband's fabric store, Frank's Bargain Center. The store has three large rooms with a variety of gently used merchandise and arts & crafts. We have hand-crafted items, small equipment, toys, puzzles, housewares, books, décor, gently used clothing (including baby clothes), antiques, fine art and much more.

Our vision is to not only raise money for our local and overseas ministries but



provide reasonably priced merchandise to our community. 100% of our merchandise is donated and 100% goes toward ministry. Since the start in the second week in January, **we have raised over \$2,200!**

Divine Healing by Appointment



When God has set a divine appointment, something great is guaranteed to happen even if you do not get to see it with your own eyes. One recent Thursday, I woke up feeling ill: body pain, weakness, dizziness, and a cough that was becoming more severe. I was scheduled to meet with someone that afternoon and even canceled the meeting around noon. Clearly that was not God's

plan. About an hour or so later, I was sitting in my chair feeling defeated, and suddenly, I felt a rush of warmth over my whole body. **All the pain was gone, I began to think clearly, and most dramatically, the cough completely disappeared. I do not know who prayed for me, I just know that someone did.**

God knew my appointment, which I rescheduled after this, was important to His plan, so he used someone else, somewhere in the world, to pray for me, and I was instantly healed! When the Holy Spirit speaks to you, results are guaranteed. Point to remember: listen to the Holy Spirit because you never know when God will use you.

Youth Room Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the GTM fundraiser for the Navotas City Youth Center. As of March 2021, **we have raised \$2,285 toward our goal of \$4,000.** Chris and Melda are putting the money to good use. They have built a stage, bought a baptism pool, and will soon be purchasing chairs and a sound system.



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