



DEAR PRAYING FRIENDS & FAMILY,

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Our Rescue Shop

They're within a yard of hell, & it's 4th down. Before going to work as a cook, R drops off his wife to solicit herself at the bar down the street. He'll pick her up the next morning. For many here, broken families—like R's—are sadly the norm.

While nearing the end of our furlough last year, we began praying about how to use Tommy's background in computer science and software engineering as part of our ministry. We didn't mention this prayer to anyone, but just two weeks before returning to the Philippines, a kind family donated five gently used laptops to us! (You should've seen how slowly we moved through TSA, with each of us carrying one—haha!) Soon, we'll be starting classes on computer competency. We're praying that God will use this as a way to reach people with the gospel while also providing them with the possibility of a better livelihood.

Generational Witchcraft

A young Christian Mangyan church planter has passed away. He was from the Iraya tribe, just 28 years old, & leaves behind his wife & three little sons. While we hold to the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ, we are grieved & frustrated by the lack of care he received. Our hands are often tied by the way the government requires patients with tuberculosis to be treated. By the time he arrived at the hospital, he was already unresponsive. He was placed in the "Mangyan Ward"—a makeshift building behind the hospital monitored only by 1 nurse, as the Mangyan are not permitted in the main facility. **D died there a week later without ever being seen by a doctor from the hospital.**

A friend of ours helped transport D's body two hours back to his village. We held a "Celebration of Life" for him—the first his village has ever experienced. Since he had no casket, Tommy purchased quality wood and nails so that the men of the village could build one. Though such an event isn't part of traditional Mangyan culture, the Word of God transcends all cultures, & D deeply desired for everyone to know the Lord.

D came from a family of generational witch doctors, but praise God—they heard Tagalog hymns & Tommy preached the gospel in their heart language. We will never forget the sound of the village men nailing his coffin shut, a sound that reminded us of when our Savior was nailed to the cross. Please continue to pray for J, D's widow, & the boys. We are currently providing a sack of rice and 30 eggs every month to help supplement basic needs.

The Sound of Angels Rejoicing

M; Lucy invited a girl that has been coming to our Bible studies to a Christian youth camp with them. On the fourth night, Lucy led M to the Lord. I wonder if the angels in heaven were as joyful as the girls were! When we got home, the girls made a cake for her! **Happy 1st, 2nd Birthday, M!**

A; Jen was asked by the president of PWD Sabang (Persons With Disability: an association built within every barangay to help disabled residents) to check on members unable to leave their homes due to their condition. We met A, an 87-year-old who has stage 4 breast cancer with cutaneous involvement. Unfortunately, the cancer has now pushed through her chest, causing her skin to rot from both inside & out. Tommy shared the gospel with her & **she accepted Christ!** He also left her with a gospel tract. A's family says that she reads it every day & they can see her holding it while praying. We love being able to care for people, both physically & spiritually.

PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

- We STILL LOVE what God has called us to do! Praise the Lord with M getting saved; it has lit a fire in the hearts of the girls! They have even more of a burden to share Jesus with as many as possible!
- We've recently started a Friday night Bible study for young men. On Saturday mornings, we hold separate bible studies for men, women, and children.

In His Service,

Tommy, Jen, Lucy, Aleena, Ellie
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