



News update and subjects for prayer – JUNE 2010

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

June 1/2 Although there was some violence before the Philippines election, please give thanks to God that it was generally a peaceful occasion with Noynoy Aquino being elected as the new president. He is the son of national heroes Ninoy and Corazon Aquino, who remain widely respected as icons of democracy in the Philippines for their bravery in fighting for social justice. Please pray that the new president will govern with integrity and choose a government that will look to the needs of the most vulnerable in the country.

June 3/4 Please pray for **Sally and Joey Escoto** as they travel to Baguio/La Trinidad during this week. This is a six hour bus journey to the mountainous area in the north of the Philippines. They will be speaking to the parents at the **Child Sponsorship Programme** meeting. Please also pray for **Lourdes Cadatal** as she coordinates the work in the north of the country.

June 5/6 Give thanks to God that sponsors have come forward to help Julius, Wilson, Wilmar, Lea, Laiza, Jessabelle, Mylene and Juliana have an education. There are many children in Mandaluyong who would love to have a sponsor to enable them to go to school. Could you help **Eshmael** (16) finish his college education or **Raniel** (8) **Harley** (10) **Jonel** (9) **Mary Grace** (11) and **John Rell?** (8) to attend school. (If you would like to help a child - please contact the UK office on 01582 416151)

June 7/8 Please remember in prayer all the **sponsored children/young people** who have recently returned to school or college. Give thanks that over 150 students are being helped to have an education during the coming school year. Give thanks for the people who are faithfully sponsoring them. All the beneficiaries have recently received their school uniforms, shoes, bag and school supplies etc.

June 9/10 Please remember in prayer **Ara** and her family, as Joy, Ara's mentally disabled daughter died just recently. Please pray for God's peace and comfort at this sad time. **Mina**, one of the Hands of Mercy staff, who underwent breast surgery during 2008, recently had a clear CT scan and now only needs a yearly check up with the doctor. Please give thanks to God for this good news.

June 11/12 Our Hands of Mercy staff workers, who live in poverty themselves, are under enormous pressure as they help their poor and needy neighbours. Please remember in prayer our staff in the communities of: **St. Rosario** – Vicky, Rommela, Diana, Marietta, Brenda and Rebecca. **Ginhawa** – Mila, Pina and Tess I. **Kayamunggi** – Anita, Dhea, Maria and Joey. **Block 37** - Fina, Beth and Girlie. **Block 38 and 40** – Remy, Helen, Ara, Mina and Liza. **Florante Street** – Bing, Analyn and Terie.

June 13/14 Please pray for God's wisdom and discernment for Sally and Joey as they seek to help the families left homeless after the devastating fire in Mandaluyong last autumn. The people have still not received any financial help from the local government. Hands of Mercy continues to help these desperate families and plans to construct more houses. Please pray for Joey Escoto as he works and organizes the building of the houses. Please pray that there will be sufficient funds to buy the building materials.

June 15/16 There are many families in Mandaluyong whose only income is through scavenging. The adults, as well as the children go out each day to see what they can find. Please pray that more sponsors will come forward to help these families through the **Family Support Programme**. **Vangie Legaspi, Aida Villa Carlos and Vernel and Marjorie Ancheta** would greatly value having a sponsor in order to receive supplementary food each month. Please pray that people will offer to sponsor a family. (If you can help please contact the UK office on 01582 416151)

June 17/18 Although often smiling, many Filipino's are hurting, feeling the stress due to lack of money, no regular work, ill health and bad living conditions etc., Please remember them in your prayers. Please also pray for those on the Hands of Mercy team who are widows - Pina, Alberta, Nenita, Marietta and Diana, and for those who are single mums - Ara, Mila, Mina and Myrna.

June 19/20 Hands of Mercy continues to experience a decrease in income due to the drop in the rate of the peso to the pound. Please pray that this discrepancy can be offset through increased giving and more donors supporting the work of Hands of Mercy. Please pray that there will be more opportunities in churches to share about the compassion ministry in the Philippines.

April 25/26 Please continue to pray for the **Prescription Medicine Programme** that additional funds will be donated so we can continue to extend help to those who cannot afford to purchase medicines prescribed by a local doctor. So many children and adults suffer with chest illnesses, and are unable to buy antibiotics to help them recover. Please pray that funds will become available through the **Surgical Treatment Programme** to help those who need operations. (there is no free surgery in the Philippines)

June 21/22 Each week through the **Disabled Therapy Programme** Hands of Mercy staff have a special ministry helping young children. Please pray for the faithful team who provide care and support to disabled children and their families.

June 23/24 Please continue to pray for **Genesis Carpio** and **Ana Rose Castro**, two young malnourished children who are waiting for surgery. Please pray that they will become physically fit to cope with operations.

June 25/26 Although the Christian Youth Concert held in April went well, the young people of the three Mercy Community Churches were unable to attend the special Christian youth camp in Tagaytay during May, as not enough money was raised to pay for their expenses. Please remember in prayer the young people involved with the worship ministry at the churches that their faith in God will grow and strengthen day by day.

June 27/28 Give thanks for the Hands of Mercy staff who received certificates after taking a training course on practical Christianity, taught by Sally and Joey Escoto. Please pray that they will continue to mature in their Christian discipleship. Please also pray for the youth leaders who share from the Bible in "small groups" in the community.

June 29/30 Please remember in prayer all the members of the **Mercy Community Church Men's Group** as they reach out in practical ways to help their poor neighbours, and as they share God's Word at the Youth Services.

Thank you so much for your ministry in prayer

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