

And this hope will never disappoint...  
Romans 5:5



# HOPE PHILIPPINES for LIVING



**HFLP PROJECT REPORT**

Nov 8th 2013 to Jan 2015

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

**Together,  
we...made a difference**



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am most grateful for the HOPE for LIVING Philippines project. First and foremost, we are so thankful to God for allowing us to undertake this mission. It is a privilege to have been able to reach out to those children in need, most importantly with the Word of God and then also to meet their physical needs. We are touched and moved as we hear the results of the use of the manga booklets and the other components of the project, but only eternity will show the full extent of what has been accomplished.

Secondly, I am most grateful to each and every one of you who has prayed and donated to make this important project a reality. Without you, we would not have been able to pull it off, but because of you we can share this wonderful report. Together we have made a difference in the lives of those who truly needed our help in the Philippines. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roald Lidal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Roald Lidal  
Chairman

## MESSAGE FROM the CEO

# Blessed to Be A Blessing



Greetings & Blessings,

Praise the Lord! We are very excited to share with you here about the results of the HOPE for LIVING Philippines project. From the onset, we intended to serve the people of Tacloban in the wake of the disaster by strengthening the local churches in reaching out to their surrounding communities. I am happy to say that we were able to do that and more.

New Life Ministries equipped 30 churches in Tacloban to conduct a 10 week program that provided a weekly, nutritious meal to over 2,400 children, providing them with manga Bible study materials and Bible Christmas presents.

As a result, these 30 recovering churches reached out and blessed their local communities, and were provided with printed materials to help replace what was lost in Typhoon Yolanda.

We are truly grateful for God's hand over this program and so excited to hear of salvations and strengthening of the Church in Tacloban, as you will see on the pages within. May the Lord's blessing be over these children, their families, and the churches that served them, as they continue to find healing and strength in the Lord Jesus.

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Toshikazu Iwaoka  
CEO



Republic of the Philippines  
Tacloban City  
**Office of the City Mayor**

February 26, 2015

TOSHIKAZU IWAOKA  
CEO  
New Life Ministries  
Japan

Dear Mr. Iwaoka,


On behalf of the City of Tacloban, I would like to heartily congratulate New Life Ministries in the highly successful completion of its HOPE for LIVING Philippines project. This ambitious project was a great help to the children, churches, and local communities of Tacloban in its time of recovery.

During the 10-week program, 30 churches provided a weekly, nutritious, hot meal to a few thousand children, demonstrating to them that they are not forgotten and somebody truly cares about them. New Life Ministries supplied manga booklets, study guides, and Bibles for each church for community engagement and discipleship.

As a result, these recovering churches reached out and blessed their local communities and were provided with printed materials to help replace what was lost in Typhoon Yolanda.

With great pleasure, I congratulate New Life Ministries on a job well done, thank them for their generosity and look forward to their next project for the people of Tacloban.

Sincerely,

  
Hon. Alfred S. Romualdez  
City Mayor  
Tacloban City



Republic of the Philippines  
City of Tacloban

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

February 20, 2015

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

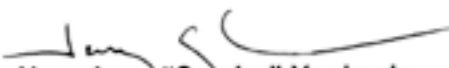
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Sincerely,

  
Hon. Jerry "Sambo" Yaokasin  
Vice Mayor  
Tacloban City

# TYPHOON HAIYAN

## Typhoon Haiyan: Philippines declares state of calamity

BBC News, 12 Nov 2013

## *One of world's strongest typhoons lashes Philippines*

inquirer.net 09 Nov 2013

## Super typhoon Haiyan slams into Philippines

Reuters Nov 8, 2013

## *Super Typhoon Haiyan, one of strongest storms ever, hits central Philippines*

CNN November 8, 2013

More than half of Tacloban City still without power  
rappler.com Jan 08, 2014

Bantayan Island, 3 Cebu towns completely isolated  
rappler.com Nov 09, 2013

Yolanda brings monster winds, giant waves  
rappler.com Nov 08, 2013



## SENDING THE WORD OF GOD TO TACLOBAN

Typhoon Haiyan struck Tacloban City on November 8, 2013, leaving the city devastated, and the people and its churches in need of relief and spiritual support. Our mission of sending 'The Word of God to a Lost World' was just what the people of Tacloban needed at this time. With support from partners, churches, and government agencies, and through careful planning and execution, the HOPE for LIVING Philippines Project was realized, as a means of bringing hope and healing to the people of Tacloban.



Disaster



### ◀ November 8, 2013

#### **Typhoon Haiyan Strikes**

Typhoon Haiyan makes landfall in Eastern Samar. Maximum sustained winds were recorded at 235 kph.

### ◀ November 17

#### **Devastating Results**

Estimated total cost of damage reaches 10.339 billion. The death toll rises to 3,976, with 18,175 people reported injured and 1,590 missing. NLM contacts Victory Tacloban, a local church partner in Tacloban, to assess needs that could be met.

### ◀ February 2014

#### **Initial Supply**

NLM sends initial shipment of Mangas and supplies to partners in Tacloban.

### ◀ April

#### **Setting Foot on Ground**

NLM makes its initial visit and missions trip to Tacloban. Mangas are distributed and 2 trial feeding programs are held. The results of the trip are very positive, with 5 youth receiving salvation, and a prompting of one of the churches to continue the feeding program on a weekly basis until the HFLP program starts.



Preparation

### ◀ July

#### **Partnership with the Churches and Local Government**

NLM makes its second trip to Tacloban for the Project launch, establishing an agreement with 30 church pastors for a feeding and discipleship program.

The project is launched with the backing of Tacloban Mayor Romualdez, and TEAMC head, Rev. Ramirez.

### ◀ September

#### **Sending the Word**

HFLP items are shipped from the NLM facility to Tacloban. The send-off of the goods is inaugurated by Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Gilberto G.B. Asuque of the Philippine Embassy in Japan. Partnering churches and organizations join in praying for the materials and sending them to Tacloban.

### ◀ October

#### **The Program Begins**

The 10-week feeding and discipleship program begins. NLM makes a third trip to Tacloban for the distribution of the goods and initial start-up of the program.

### ◀ October-December

10-weeks of spiritual and physical feeding

Hope for Living Philippines project is held by 30 churches across Tacloban

### ◀ December

#### **Christmas Bibles**

Bibles are distributed to those who have completed the program as a celebratory gift. The 10 week feeding and discipleship program comes to a close.

### ◀ January 2015

Implementation



#### **Program Assessment**

NLM makes a trip to Tacloban to assess the outcome of the project. We received numerous encouraging testimonies of salvations, strengthening church and community relations, healed family relationships, and church growth. (see Stories of Hope section)



It happened on...

November 8, 2013

**T Y P H O O N  
H A I Y A N**

**HELPING THE SURVIVOR CHILDREN  
IN TACLOBAN**



For the survivors of Typhoon Haiyan, Tacloban City would never be the same again. Over 6,000 brothers and sisters lost their lives, and even more became homeless or living in government-funded shelters. Churches were severely damaged too. Livelihoods, Bibles, and literature were all swept away. There was a great need for both spiritual and physical relief.

**What We Planned**



**30**

**Participating Churches**



**40000**

**CHILD SURVIVORS**

Lacking both physical and spiritual nourishment, desperately searching for hope



New Life Ministries designed a 10-week Evangelism and Discipleship Program. It would be conducted by 30 local partnering churches, each aiming to reach out to 120 or more children per week. Each church would conduct a weekly evangelistic outreach and feeding program. The project would strengthen families by sharing the Gospel and physical food with children. The HOPE for LIVING Philippines Program would equip churches with powerful tools for evangelism, provide nourishment, and impact the communities around them.

**How We Did It**



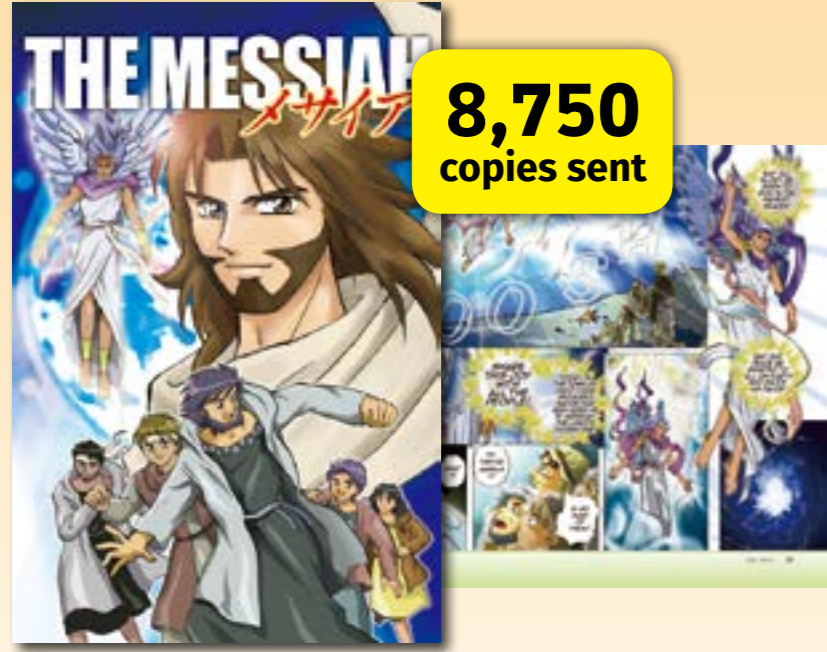
Serving a delicious and nutritious bowl of rice porridge with pieces of chicken, carrot, pumpkin, moringa, beans and cabbage



The Program's weekly teaching used The Messiah, The Messiah Study Guides, and The Manga Bible Storybook. The weekly feeding provided hot, nutritious meals. Each participant received a Bible as an end of program congratulatory gift. Our 30 partner churches belong to the Tacloban Evangelical Association of Ministers and Churches (TEAMC).



## LITERATURE



**8,750**  
copies sent

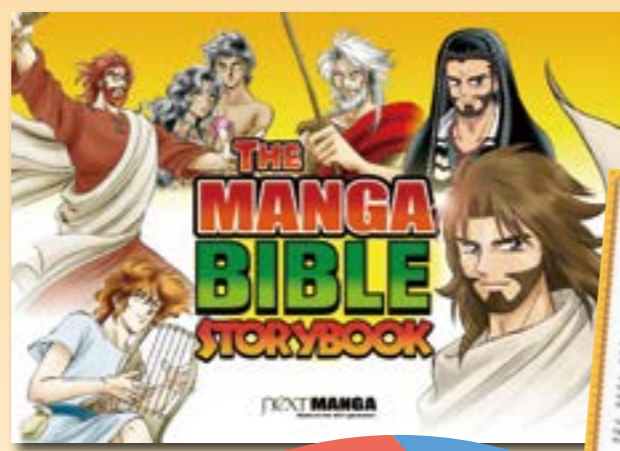
**The Messiah** (7-15 yrs old)  
A 64 page, biblically-faithful, Japanese comic depicting the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, in an easy to understand, and visually attractive form.

## FEEDING PROGRAM

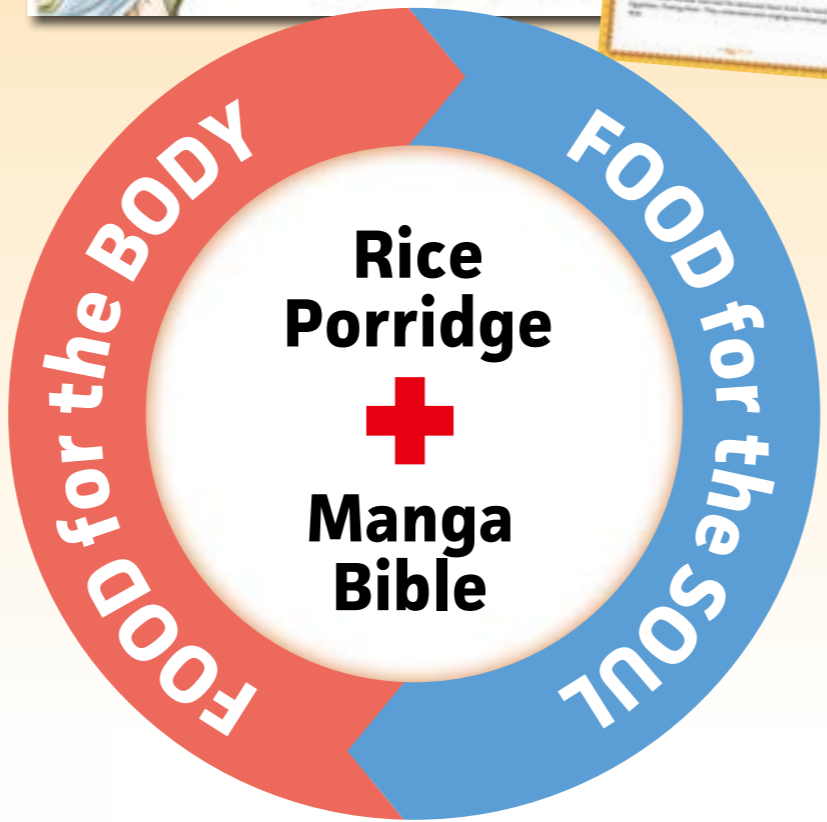


**Arroz Caldo**  
A nutritious comfort food served to the children.

**20,216** meals served



**1,400**  
copies sent



## The Manga Bible Story Book

(2-6 yrs old)

This material was developed in response to the churches' need for teaching material that effectively tells a story and engages younger children. It depicts 16 key Bible stories, with story-telling notes for teachers, and applicable questions and memory verses for the children.

**3,449**  
copies sent

## Bibles

Bibles were given to the children at the end of the 10-week program as a celebratory gift and to encourage them to continue their walk with the Lord. Since they were given at Christmas time it made the Bible even more special.



**4,200**  
copies sent

## The Messiah Study Guide

(7-15 yrs old)

Broken down into 6 lessons for each consecutive part of The Messiah, this material helped teachers effectively communicate the Gospel using The Messiah. It also came with a take-home workbook-style pamphlet for each lesson, enabling the children to study at home.

**30 PARTICIPATING CHURCHES\***

**Alliance Community Center Alliance** 104  
"Thank you for being part of building the church!"

**Burning Bush Church Independent** 99  
"The children "are willing to have a children's group even if the feeding program will be stopped so they can know more about Jesus."

**C.H.R.I.S.T. Baptist Church Bible Baptist** 102  
"Even before we had this program the kids are asking for Bibles and now with the help of HFLP, the kids were so glad that they already have bibles."

**Christ is King Mission Fellowship Full Gospel** 120  
"Through The Messiah booklet, the children learned that God loves them."

**Christ's Green Pastures - Leyte Chapter • Independent** 106  
"We will be forever grateful to God and our sponsors at HFLP which gave birth to the Sunday school afternoon being spearheaded by our HFLP volunteers."

**Church of the Nazarene Nazarene** 110  
"Now the children know that Jesus is God."

**Church of the Open Door International • Independent Baptist** 120  
"35 kids accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior."

**Eastern Visayas Living Word Ministries • Assemblies of God** 68  
"The children are grateful for the opportunity of knowing the Gospel through the very comprehensive and understandable The Messiah."

**Eternal Life Ministries Christian Fellowship • Full Gospel** 15  
It's great fulfilling God's redemptive purposes with you!

**Glad Tidings Fellowship Independent** 52  
"Because of HLFP we have 10 new volunteers who have committed to serve every Sunday, and excited to do it!"

**Jesus the Living Gospel Independent** 58  
"They the children all wanted to receive Jesus in their life as the Lord and Savior of their life."

**Lamb of God Church Independent** 132  
"23 prayed to receive Christ."

**Light of God's Glory Church Independent** 120  
"As time goes by, the kids get more hungry not only for food but for God's Word."

**Living Rock Ministries Independent** 115  
"Some children are already taking the lead in sharing about what they learned."

**New Life Gospel Church Full Gospel** 33  
"The kids were very active and showed interest in the lessons."

**Tacloban Evangelical Alliance Church - Fatima • Alliance** 127  
"Now the kids really know who Jesus is. They all prayed to receive Him into their hearts."

**Tacloban Family Church of Yahweh Inc. • Independent** 116  
"The children were able to know what Christianity really is and they want to be Christians living a new life, showing the world who Jesus really is."

**Tacloban Foursquare Gospel Church • Foursquare** 95  
"All of them accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior. One child cried after the lesson, it's a blessing to see them being serious and sincere."

**Tacloban Full Gospel Assembly Assemblies of God** 143  
"You've made the kids alive and even their parents!"

**Tacloban United Family Christian Church • Independent** 53  
"The Messiah has also helped us to grow more as God's servants. We enjoyed being big sisters and brothers to the little ones. Together we learn, laugh, and love."

**The Rock International Assemblies of God** 64  
"The Messiah is a great tool for us to teach children. It is reader-friendly, entertaining, and exciting!"

**Tigbao Assemblies of God Assemblies of God** 88  
"Even at a very young age the children understand who Jesus is and why He came and suffered."

**Basey Full Gospel Assembly Assemblies of God** 40  
"Thank you so much Hope for Living, may God bless you abundantly!"

**Channels of Blessings Full Gospel** 67  
"The kids were excited and delighted when they saw the materials, especially when they saw the amazing pictures!"

**Church of God Acts 20:28 Church of God** 55  
"The Manga Bible Storybook is the perfect visual aid."

**Eternal Life Ministries Intl. Independent** 56  
"We are overjoyed because I asked the children's parents if we could continue teaching their children and the parents said, 'Yes!'"

**God's Glory Ministries Independent** 35  
"The children are very thankful for and encouraged by The Messiah booklets booklets."

**Golden Harvest Christian Independent** 106  
"Three students accepted Jesus into their hearts and want to know even more about Him!"

**Redeemed Church of God Church of God** 85  
"The feeding program really helps the children and opens the hearts of their parents. Thanks for the manga and the food!"

**Victory Tacloban Every Nation** N/A\*  
"Your strategy is exactly what a lot of pastors wanted to do but couldn't due to lack of funding."  
\*Only engaged in literature outreach

*Philippines*



**Tacloban City**

Located on the eastern coast of the island of Leyte, Tacloban is the capital and seat of government of the Eastern Visayas region of the Philippines. With a population of 221,174 as of the 2010 census, it ranked among the top ten most competitive cities in the Philippines, making it an important economical center. Typhoon Haiyan passed not only through Tacloban, but made great damage inland into the rest of the island of Leyte, and into central Philippines. Tacloban was a strategic city to base our project due to its geopolitical importance, and because of the strong partnerships we already had there, we were able to make optimum impact through this project.

\* These 30 churches are part of Tacloban Evangelical Association of Ministers and Churches (TEAMC)



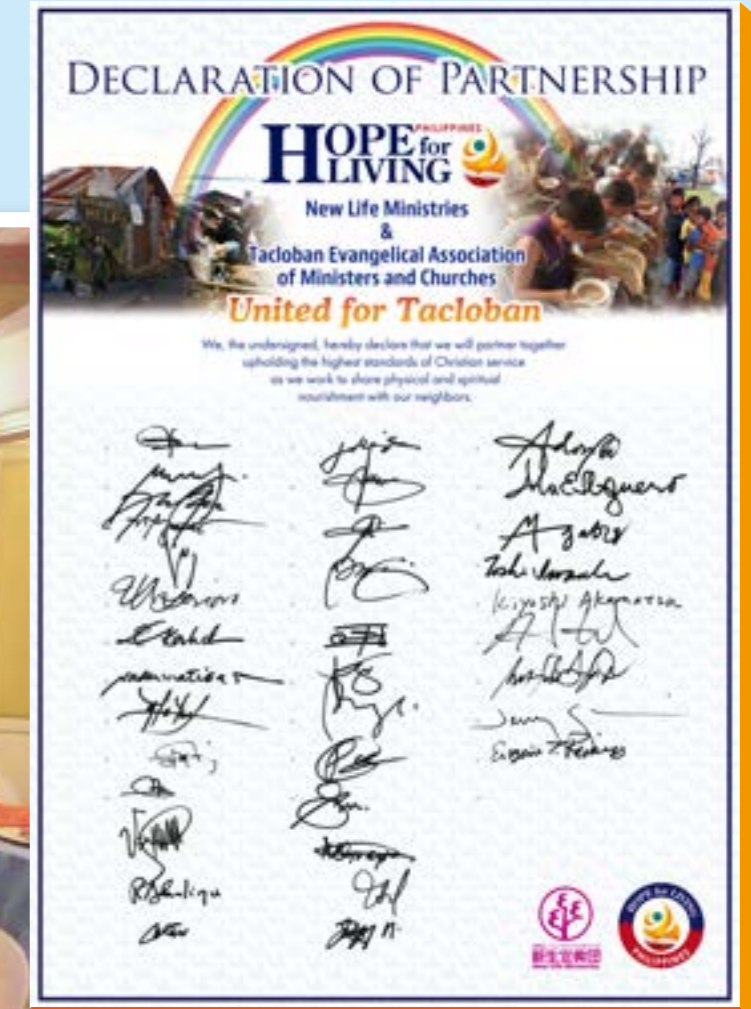


**Tacloban Evangelical Association of Ministers and Churches**

Pastors & staff with NLM staff at HFLP program launch ceremony July 2, 2014 in Tacloban City.



**Youth Volunteers**



**Scan of the Declaration of Partnership**

bearing the signatures of participating pastors, Tacloban City Vice-Mayor, and NLM staff.

**HFLP local coordinator**

Bless Manuel Javier  
She was the bridge between  
NLM and TEAMC



**Local Officials Endorsing HFLP**



Hon. Alfred S. Romauldez, Tacloban City Mayor meeting with NLM staff.



Hon. Jerry Yaokasin, Tacloban City Vice Mayor endorsing HFLP program.





Reporting the importance and need for HFLP

# New Life Ministries



NLM staff at special HFLP Devotion where they heard about the dire situation in Tacloban. Everyone is resolved to produce excellent literature for use in HFLP.

Philippine Embassy in Japan Endorsing HFLP



Special HFLP Devotion at NLM where staff try Arroz Caldo



Promoting HFLP

Producing literature specific for HFLP



Collaborating for HFLP





# LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS



<b>30</b>	<b>Churches involved in HFLP</b>
2,482	Highest number of children in one week
168	Highest number of children in one church
<b>827</b>	<b>Estimated number of families impacted by HFLP</b>
<b>3,449</b>	<b>Bibles sent for HFLP</b>
8,750	Copies of The Messiah
1,400	Copies of The Manga Bible Storybook
50,400	Study Guide (Two items for 6 lessons, and Answer Key)
20,216	Number of meals served to children

## Statement of Collection and Expenses

For the Period Ending January 31, 2015

	Amount (JPY)
<b>Total Donations Received</b>	<b>7,299,008</b>
<b>Project Costs</b>	
Printing cost	3,000,000
Feeding cost	1,800,000
Administrative cost	1,465,837
Shipping and Distribution Cost	509,836
Reporting and Documentation Expense	523,335
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>7,299,008</b>
<b>Net Collections</b>	<b>0</b>



# THE FRUITS OF OUR LABOR

As of January 2015

**388**  
Children prayed the prayer of salvation



**1**  
New Sunday School program



**4**  
New Youth Groups

**110** New Individual Donors

**47** New Partnering Churches

**3**  
Ongoing Feeding Programs



**1**  
New Church Plant





# HOPE PHILIPPINES for LIVING



HFLP PROJECT REPORT

STORIES OF HOPE



Equipping Churches

Transforming Individuals

Changing Communities

# Breaking Ground

A new church is birthed from an outpouring of God's work through the program

"When I first heard about HOPE for LIVING Philippines I thought, 'How can this help us further establish ministry in this area? I was especially interested in the materials that would be available and how they might help with evangelistic outreaches. I was concerned because others had promised assistance that never came, but I trusted in God."

"Once the HFLP program actually began and the materials arrived I was so happy! I met with our teachers and volunteers and we quickly saw that this would be really good. Our ministry is focused on teaching but we were lacking materials. Now we had really good materials that God provided for us." "The manga format is really good for the children. It's a great teaching tool because it's attractive, the children really like it, and even the non-readers can understand the story. As a result, they felt



Rev. Marvin Cortez

"Now there is a brand new church that HFLP had a part in getting started."

encouraged to attend HFLP and they learned more about Jesus. This caused a good problem. Since our building is small we had to do this outreach in five additional places. At one of them about 20 adults became interested in studying the Bible so we formed a cell group for the adults but the children came to that too! I had to tell them, 'You have your own special activity, this one is for the adults.' Even though they couldn't come into the same room, the children still came so they could peak in and listen to the Bible study." What was intended to be an outreach for children turned into something greater. This cell group of 20 people has grown and they have asked Pastor Marvin if they could become a church! He accepted their request but said that there was one problem - they didn't have a building. An elderly couple said that wasn't a problem because they were opening up their house to be used as the meeting place. Now there is a brand new church that HFLP had part in getting started. We praise God for His goodness and look forward to seeing this church grow!



This couple opened their home to house the new church plant



## Going Beyond

Strengthened by HFLP, this church went beyond expectations resulting in numerous salvations and a new Sunday School ministry



Pastor Claire's sister teaching a Sunday School class

**HFLP** was just what her church needed



Sunday School kids listening to a story from the Manga Bible Storybook

Claire, the Associate Pastor in Christ's Green Pastures Church, shared that right after the disaster she, "really thought that it was the end of the world because it was so dark. It was hopeless because houses were washed out; everyone was full of fear and grief here, people were crying and felt nervous about what was happening." Prior to the disaster, ministry was difficult enough because they didn't have any regular teaching materials and used what they could find. Now they were grieving, surrounded by a broken community and felt the need to reach out, but they had nothing.

HFLP was just what her church needed. "We were blessed through HFLP because of the materials, now our Sunday school teachers don't have to worry anymore! When we found out that there would be a feeding program, we felt so happy that we went to every house in the surrounding area and invited the children to the program."

HFLP was an instant success. "On the first Sunday of HFLP, 70 people received Jesus as Lord and Savior! That was a really big blessing and some of them are still here fellowshiping with us." They averaged over 70 children for each week of the program and had 120 on their highest day.

Feeding the children once a week was a blessing to many families. The parents knew that their children would be safe and receive a nutritious meal. Claire shared that the church was blessed too because before, "we had no resources to start with. Because of the HFLP feeding program, we had food. The children could be healthy physically and spiritually."

The Messiah manga booklet was well received by the children and quickly became a favorite teaching tool. In the past children would move around, run across the room and be inattentive during Sunday School. Because of HFLP, things changed for the better: "God used this to work mightily. Since the children already had the manga, they were not that traumatized anymore. The first time they came to HFLP, the children were afraid and were so still. Now they interact each time they come here, they raise their hands and participate."

Shortly after HFLP ended Claire shared, "We will be forever grateful to God and our sponsors for HFLP. Because of it we now have a new afternoon Sunday School led by our HFLP volunteers! The Sunday School has a preschool group and elementary group and we are still using the Manga book! We are here to continue your passion to reach out to the children. Thank you so much! God bless!"

## Repairing Hearts

A pastor's wife is deeply impacted as she witnesses God's work in the children's lives through the Manga



Children enjoying their very own manga

**P**astora Loprecia, the pastor's wife at Tacloban Full Gospel Assembly International, witnessed first-hand the powerful influence of The Messiah at her church. She witnessed two repair projects simultaneously: God repairing hearts during the HOPE for LIVING Philippines program and a repair project to replace the church roof.

"I'm seeing that the children love to read The Messiah," she said. "They are attracted to it because it's so colorful and it's in a comic style. Because of their desire to look at the comics, the children learned about and drew near to God. It helped that the stories were designed like comics because even though some kids don't understand English they could still understand the story."

"The children liked The Messiah so much that they wanted to bring it home. They would read it at home

**"All total, more than a hundred children and parents accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!"**

and then bring it back here. We found out that many of their parents read the booklets too!"

"The HOPE for LIVING Philippines program was used by God to help our church connect with many children and their parents and for many people in the community to know God. All total, more than a hundred children and parents accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!"

## Igniting Evangelism

A young volunteer's heart for evangelism is rekindled through HFLP

**"Now I share the Word of God with my friends."**



**"B**ecause of Yolanda, death became real to me because... my best friend died," she said, tears welling up in her eyes. "I was not able to share the Word of God with her."

Sofia is a pastor's daughter and has been involved in church ministry for six years, however, because of Typhoon Yolanda, her world was shaken. She was grieving the loss of her friend but the HOPE for LIVING Philippines program brought new life and a change of heart for her and others.

"When I found out that this was a ministry to help children and that [New Life Ministries] would be giving us materials, I was excited! During Typhoon Yolanda our materials were destroyed. All of our Sunday School materials were destroyed."

After the typhoon teaching Sunday School to little children was a challenge, all they had was a Bible. "All we could do was read from a Bible and try to explain things...Often the children were bored of just listening because there weren't any pictures. That was frustrating. That's why I was so happy when I found out that [New Life Ministries] would be helping us."

"Once we received the materials it became easy to teach the children. When they saw the manga, they were so excited! They wanted to read it all and then read it all over again! The manga study guide told which pages to read but they wanted to read the WHOLE THING!"

The excitement was contagious! They used to have less than 10 children attend Sunday School but Sofia happily said, "Now we have over 30 young children and 12 teenagers! We also started an outreach in a nearby neighborhood." When it started they didn't have anyone, but it quickly grew to over 50 children! "Out of those 50+ children, now 20 of them regularly attend Sunday School."

As a result of the HOPE for LIVING Philippines program lots of positive changes took place. One is that, "The kids used to be really noisy in Sunday School because they were bored. When we did HOPE for LIVING Philippines they were very well behaved. Also the leaders became organized, and the children were cooperative." Sofia also shared that, "One family had stopped going to church. When the typhoon came the mother died. But when we began this program the kids started coming to church again. Then the kids began inviting their dad to come and now he has started coming to church too!"

Sofia shared that change took place in her heart too saying, "Now I share the Word of God with my friends."



## Empowering Ministries

A church that seemed to come to a halt after the typhoon comes back in full swing through the project

HFLP was designed to minister to children, but God also used it to minister to adults working as HFLP volunteers.

When the program was introduced, Christ is King Mission Fellowship in Tacloban signed up to participate. Ruffa, a teacher for the elementary aged kids, confessed that when she heard there would be a feeding in the program she thought, "It will be chaotic." However, she was pleasantly surprised at how orderly it was and mentioned that because "many people volunteered, I saw that there were a lot of good things that happened." One thing was that the feeding program "helped with the malnutrition in the community. Because of the food given, we were able to help, if even in a small way. Even though the feeding was once a week, it helped to lessen their problem and gave joy to the children. I'm amazed by God's provision because we used to pray for volunteers to reach out to the children and then this [HFLP] came as an answer to prayer!"

"The experience in HFLP very much affected me," Ruffa said. "I learned a lot about handling children, having



"The pastor and adults involved in this program were equipped and encouraged by HFLP..."



Pastor Ven (top), volunteers, and children in the HFLP program

compassion for their situation, and understanding them better." Pastor Ven of Christ is King said the HFLP program, "Helped the children gain Biblical knowledge, learn about the Lord Jesus Christ, and how to pray. Children from the community started attending church and they also learned about moral values and obeying their parents. Now they are obedient to their parents."

HFLP helped give Pastor Ven and his church the equipment they needed to get going again. He shared that the worship services were stopped for a while and "all activities for the children were stopped after Typhoon Yolanda." Once HFLP provided the church with Gospel literature and weekly allotments of food, they found that they had more than enough for what they could do, and shared some of their materials with a church cell group located in a

nearby community. Soon their children's ministry was in full swing. "In addition to the HFLP program, we also used The Messiah in Sunday School, and the attendance grew to around seventy kids. When we conducted the HFLP feeding we reached around one hundred children. Some of those children received Jesus as their Savior and many others are regular attendees at Sunday School."

Clearly, the pastor and adults involved in this program were equipped and encouraged by HFLP as is echoed in Pastor Ven's comment of, "We are so thankful for the HOPE for LIVING Philippines program. Now we have so many children coming to church, they feel that this is the place where they belong, they have The Messiah booklets, and people volunteered to teach the children. Thank you."



## Supporting Mothers

A mother shares her heart about how it helped her children grow spiritually

**M**ariel is a mother of two and attends C.H.R.I.S.T Baptist Church in Tacloban. Both of her children participated in the HFLP program.

As a mother, she is very thankful for The Messiah because her daughter Mara and son Rameriz really enjoyed learning about Jesus. Her children “really enjoyed looking at the pictures, reading the story, and for the first time really understanding who Jesus really is. Before using The Messiah in the HFLP program, they didn’t really understand who Jesus is, what the Bible is about but when they read the manga they became so excited and wanted to learn more.”

“I hope they will continue to use this manga because it helps them learn English better and learn more about the Bible. It’s hard for me to explain the Bible to them because it’s only words but the manga makes it so easy to understand. They can read the words, see a picture, and feel the action.”

“Because of this, manga my children know how to pray and they understand the Bible. Because of the manga, they are asking me questions like ‘Who is Jesus? Tell me about David.’ Now they understand what life was like during the time of Christ. The manga is really a big help for me.”

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## Unifying Families

A family brought together with God as their center



**M**others care deeply about their children. This mother shared how HOPE for LIVING Philippines had a big impact on her family. “We were a Christian family since my children were small, but I had one child that did not want to be a Christian. He was very naughty and disobedient. But when our pastor gave The Messiah to him, it really helped us. The booklet had a big impact on my son and God used it to transform him!

“Now my entire family is Christian. My children are serving as teachers in church, we share the Gospel, and God is our focus. We don’t have arguments in our family anymore, not like before. When the presence of God penetrated our hearts and minds, our lives changed so much. God’s message had a big impact for my family.”

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## Changing Perspectives

The Manga Bible changes the hearts of children and volunteers



Wendy volunteered for the HOPE for LIVING Philippines program and was really impacted by what she saw and experienced. She said, "It was a great experience for me because it...showed me how God works in people. I saw children learn the truth about the life of Jesus, learning to walk with Him, and change to be a good person." Indeed, the church she volunteered at reported that 80 children prayed for salvation!

She continued with, "The big surprise of this program was the Bible manga. It was so helpful to us volunteers because we didn't have any lesson plans but this gave a lot of focus to the story, was really enjoyable, and kept the children's attention. The Messiah...is actually one of the highlights of this program because I noticed that when the children answered a question it was because they really understood. Having their own Bible manga booklet really helped them understand the Bible stories."

Wendy finished her testimony with, "This program impacted me personally because I learned that the Word of God reminds me of how important Jesus is to our daily life and that we really need Him in our lives even to share the Gospel with children. I also see the importance of sharing the Gospel with children because as they grow up they will carry it with them, their lives will change, and they will share the Gospel with other people, their parents, and their relatives."



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## Developing Leadership

HFLP encourages a young boy to become a bold witness for the Gospel



Vanessa and her 'Preacher' son

Vanessa of C.H.R.I.S.T Baptist church in Tacloban City, Philippines shared that both of her sons participated in HFLP. Dave, her oldest son, was a student leader in the program. She said, "I'm thankful that our church had the privilege of benefiting from the manga. It helped our students so much. This manga tells about Jesus Christ and how He changed the lives of people."

"At home when we're talking, Denmark (her younger son) will say, 'Mama, we shouldn't say that. Our teacher shared that in the manga it says this or that.' He is always quoting what he learned in the manga."

"My older son, who is a leader at church, has really changed. He has committed to really surrender his life [to Jesus]. God used the manga to work in his life, he learned a lot more about Jesus, and was convicted. At school he is a leader. When his

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teacher says something against the Word of God he will quote the Bible. He says to his teacher, 'The Bible says ...' Just like that! Now in his class of 45 students, he is known as "Pastor" because he always quotes from the Bible. He has changed and has become an example of how to behave at school."

"I am very thankful for what he has learned here through the manga. My husband and I are very comfortable that our children have grown Biblically through this manga. Thank you very much! This has really helped my children, their spiritual growth, and their attitudes."

## Discovering Truth

HFLP provides the tool to learn what life is really about



To get to Evelita's house, you have to walk on a nameless footpath that branches off a main road leading away from Tacloban City. Other than a few coconut trees, there's not much else around, other than a wooden house with a large porch area, which became an HFLP program meeting place for children.

Evelita readily admits: "I'm not perfect. Sometimes we see or do bad things. But HFLP has changed me a lot. I didn't have a Bible before and would only hear about it when I went to church a few times each year. Now I have a Bible and can read it for

myself to discover what life is really about."

The Gospel changed her and her children too. "Because of The Messiah, my children have learned about God. Their attitudes have really changed. Before they were so naughty but once this program started, there was really a genuine change in their attitudes."

She went on to add, "The parents of these children also want to attend the Bible study. So I encouraged them to join HFLP every Saturday. Now, not only the children are learning about Jesus but the parents too."

Evelita ended with, "Thanks to what I've learned in HFLP, a lot of changes have taken place in me. I'm very thankful for this program."



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## Strengthening Relationships

The relationship between mother and child is restored through HFLP

One mother from C.H.R.I.S.T Baptist Church shared, "For some time now my daughter Ivy and I have been getting angry at each other. [When HFLP started] she joined the young people's group here. Thanks to what she learned in the manga, she has changed her attitude about fighting."

"Now we are close to each other and sometimes we even cry together. I thank God for her change in attitude. It's okay now, everything is okay now."

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## Supplying Relief

HFLP brings life to a new level for this recovering family

Ten-year-old Arabelle lives with her parents and six siblings in a cluster of houses just south of Tacloban City. Their simple life is challenged by scarcity of food and basic provisions. The faces of Arabelle and her siblings belie the harsh realities of daily life.

In an interview with Jennifer, Arabelle’s mother, she shared that “Arabelle is ‘the favorite’ among the siblings. Since she’s the one who usually gets sick, that’s the reason why we treat her special.” She also added, “Arabelle wants to go to school but our family cannot afford the expenses.”

When HFLP came along, this was a big help for her and her family. It was a God send for this family because the program provided a free nutritious meal once each week, a copy of The Messiah, accompanying study guides, and a Bible for each participating child. Each week, Arabelle and her siblings walked to church where they received physical and spiritual nourishment.

The simplicity of Arabelle and her mother’s responses to questions about the HFLP program reveal that this program brought their lives to a new level.

“My favorite thing in HFLP is the Bible story manga,” said Arabelle. “The manga booklet is beautiful because there are pictures. I like the pictures of Jesus. I saw Jesus in one of the pictures and He was a cute baby.” This booklet was probably Arabelle’s first book of any kind, and possibly the first for her family in general.

The feeding program was highlighted again and again in Jennifer’s responses during the interview. When asked, “What do you think was Arabelle’s favorite part when going to HFLP?” Jennifer said, “The

part she enjoyed the most was the feeding because the food was so delicious.” Jennifer’s response to, “What was your unforgettable memory of her from her involvement in HFLP?” was equally telling. Spoken from a mother’s heart Jennifer replied, “When she told me how much she enjoyed the meal and how the food was so delicious.”

“The HFLP feeding program was a relief on our expenses. I’m really thankful for this program and I’m happy that my children can get a nourishing meal.”

## Sowing Seeds

The opportunity to help a community in need gives this man reason to praise God

When tragedy strikes we can feel powerless about the plight of those in the midst of it. If we don’t have hope, there can be an overwhelming sense of loss and despair. Fortunately we have this great hope in Jesus! When New Life Ministries gave us the opportunity to help provide for survivors in Tacloban, Philippines through the HOPE for LIVING Philippines program, it allowed us to give more than just prayer support. We could also provide for the physical and spiritual needs through the community of local churches. The planning, speed and delivery of this program to Tacloban was incredible. Seeing pictures of the rebuilding and hearing the testimonies of those affected give glory to the One who offers comfort, peace and hope for the future. - Craig

# Shining Light

The spiritual darkness of this village was pierced by the light of the Gospel



“The children have learned about **God** from the **manga**...”

At the end of a dirt road called Wisdom Lane is a cluster of houses comprising a village nestled between the base of a mountain and swamp area bordering Tacloban City. An older couple in this village wanted to share the Gospel with the children of the village. “The children were so naughty,” said the wife. “We really wanted to do something but lacked resources,” added the old man. Fortunately there was a church nearby. The old man went on, “The Pastor and I talked about what to do with the children. I wanted them to know about God.”

When HOPE for LIVING Philippines was introduced the pastor of the church signed up to participate and received copies of The Messiah, accompanying study guides, and special edition HFLP Bibles. Now they could do something!

“I’m so grateful that HFLP came,” continued the old lady. “Now the children have something good to read and they have learned many things from the Bible. They used to be naughty but now they’re different. The children have learned about God from the manga and the teaching lessons. Also, the little ones are interested in learning to read because of the manga.”

“Yes,” added the old man, “I encourage them to read the manga book at least a few minutes every day. Really, HFLP was a big help because my problem before was that the children would just come here. I didn’t have anything for them. Now they come here and are taught about Jesus. They learn songs and the Word of God. They have the manga and that has taught them why Jesus came to earth and how to live godly lives. Now their foul words are gone.”

As a testimony to that, one of the teenagers in the village shared her favorite part of the manga. Opening to the page about Jesus being born she said, “This is my favorite, the time when Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ. Christ means ‘our savior.’ Because Jesus, being God was born we call Him Emmanuel - God with us.”

Yes, finally the light of the Gospel has come to the little village at the end of Wisdom Lane.

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The NEXT PHASE

**Children in  
CRISIS**

**HELPING MARGINALIZED CHILDREN  
IN MANILA & MINDANAO**



In 2015, the HOPE for LIVING Philippines Project, will focus on "Children in Crisis" in the Philippines.

The project will be two-pronged – focusing on the areas of Metro Manila and Mindanao.

For the Manila project, HFLP materials will be used as the main reference books in teaching values education to the children at-risk living in the streets.

For the project in Mindanao, the aim is to equip volunteers to reach out to children of indigenous groups in the region, to help instill Christian values, as reflected in the Biblical manga stories. The ultimate goal is to discourage these children at-risk from joining insurgent groups in the area that prolong the internal conflicts in the island.

**What We are Planning**



The project will be conducted in partnership with the Department of Education of the Philippines and the Dynamic Teen Company through their established Kariton Klasrum (Pushcart Classroom) Project.

**CNN 2009 HERO Of the Year Partnership**



**Efren Peñaflorida**, the 2009 CNN Hero of the Year, is a founding member of Dynamic Teen Company. He is a Filipino educator and social worker. He offers Filipino youth/children at risk a chance to pursue education through unconventional set-up, like the push-cart classrooms in poverty-stricken areas. We are proud to be working with him for this next phase of HOPE for LIVING Philippines.

**How We Do It**



New Life Ministries will provide The Messiah booklets, Study Guides and Storybook to reach out to the poor, marginalized and war-afflicted children in the Philippines.

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