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New Adventures and New Opportunities

Dear Friends,

You might have noticed a very different look to this newsletter. This is because we have resigned from Team Expansion. We will continue to work in Bohol as missionaries serving with All Nations Initiative. It's a big change, and we'd love to talk with you about it. Below you'll learn more about that transition, as well as new opportunities for us to meet people in their time of disaster. We also celebrate the start of a new school year and what that means for Educate Bohol's ministry. Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement throughout all the years of this ministry.

Blessings to you,

Mike and Jean and Luke and Mark

A New Adventure: All Nations Initiative

With prayer and excitement, the Propp family steps into a new chapter of ministry. Thank you for joining us in this journey.



We have resigned from Team Expansion, but not from the work God has called us to in Asia! We will continue serving full time with All Nations Initiative. This transition will allow us to greatly expand the ministry's reach; while continuing the ministries already established in the Philippines: showing Christ's love to the communities around us, bringing the Gospel to them, and providing

family to the children at Village of Hope. This transition is a good thing for the ministry, but it does mean changes in how donations are made.

Going forward, please send your contributions, payable to All Nations Initiative, to:

All Nations Initiative
PO Box 355
Corona, CA 92878

We are working towards being able to receive donations via credit card. We'll be sure to let you know as soon as this is an option.

We do need to let you know that All Nations Initiative is a relatively new organization, and has not yet had its tax-exempt status recognized by the IRS. As soon as it is granted donations will be tax-deductible retroactively. If you have concerns about the tax-status of your contributions please contact give@go-ani.org.

We are thankful for our years serving as your missionaries in the Philippines, and we look forward to many more. God has used your support to accomplish incredible things. We are excited to share even greater adventures with you as we make this transition. Thank you for your continued partnership in this ministry. Please pray for us as we navigate this transition. We look forward to even greater opportunities as we go forward. And we'd love to know how we can pray for you!



Fire and Faith

A fire devastated an island community. Because of your generosity we were able to be there to bring healing, hope, and Jesus.

Nocnocan, a small fishing island off of the coast of Bohol, is a very special place to us; it's where we met three of our Village of Hope kids for the first time. Recently a fire broke out there. As the fire burned, fourteen families lost their homes. We were able to be on scene the next day, helping families begin to put their lives back together. We had food, water, and clothing to share. We've begun rebuilding homes. Most importantly, your generosity enabled us to be there for at a time when they were most open to hearing the message of the Gospel.

In the following weeks we have helped eighty-five people who lost almost everything they owned overnight. Such situations create clashes of desperation—survivors need time to process the danger they faced and the trauma that resulted, while, at the same time facing the realities of needing food, water, and clothes. So we showed up, and we loved people in their time of desperation. There is something raw and beautiful about the laughter people share with us when

we are able to distract them with conversation—and even play at times—to give their souls a chance to rest. It's truly a privilege, and a duty, to be there the next day with food, clothes, and hope. In the following weeks we've had multiple gatherings to help families move forward. It would be easy to fill this section with stories of rebuilding homes, but in this case, in particular, our joy has been in rebuilding smiles; the homes are just a tool to that end.

Some of these families have chosen to join us in Church. Other attend regular Bible studies. Others are in very different places on their journey. All of them matter to Jesus. We're going to continue serving the families there, doing our best to meet their needs and doing all we can to give them a chance to choose to join in a love relationship with Jesus. Please, continue to keep the families of Nocnocan in your prayers—prayers for peace, for emotional healing, for rebuilding, and for lives changed with the Gospel.











Backpacks and Blessings

Hundreds of students were blessed by our first back-to-school season with Educate Bohol.



This was the first back-to-school season for us since assuming leadership of Educate Bohol's ministry. Through generous gifts from supporters around America we were able to provide school supplies to many children who otherwise might not be able to receive an education. The school year began shortly after Educate Bohol's summer camp, where thirty-one young people encountered Jesus and began a new love-relationship with Him! It will be quite awhile before our next back-to-school season, but we've already begun collecting school supplies for next year.

Pray With Us

Please join us as we pray:

- For ongoing campus ministries and their effectiveness in improving the lives of students. That students and their families will begin new love-relationships with Jesus.
- For peace and strength for the families who lost their homes in Nocnocan's fire. That as we spend significant time on the island that hurts will be healed, and hearts will be changed with the Gospel.
- For God's blessings on our ministry partners–people like you who have prayed for us and supported us and believed in us for nearly twenty years. There have been many positive conversations already with our ministry partners about our transition to All Nations Initiative. It's a group that has greatly blessed us. We pray God's blessings upon them.

Connections and Contributions

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The Wheels on the Bus

You're probably aware that, just before Christmas of 2021 we were affected by a massive typhoon. Two of Village of Hope's vehicles were badly damaged in that typhoon. Since then we've relied on a third-hand minibus gifted to us by an elderly family from Bohol. It's been a blessing of a stop-gap, but it is time to provide the children at Village of Hope with a new, more reliable, permanent vehicle.

This Christmas we would like to surprise Village of Hope with one or two brand new fifteen-passenger vans. Please join us as we raise funds to purchase two Toyota commuter vans at $24,950 each.

For fun, try to read these lines without singing them in your head:

The wheels on the bus
keep going flat, going flat, going flat

The doors on the bus
are showing rust, showing rust, showing rust

The wipers on the bus
are always stuck, always stuck, always stuck



It is time to replace the orphanage vehicles. We believe that this season's generosity will allow the children at Village of Hope to have a much happier bus-song. Please consider a special year-end gift towards blessing Village of Hope with a new, safe vehicle. We'd love to discuss this project with you.



Full Circle

This is one of Mike's favorite ministry photos of 2024. On the left is Robert. He is talking with a man who lost his home to a fire. Robert wanted to be there to offer support and to show how much God loves people, even in life's most painful times. We met Robert in 2013 after his home was destroyed by an earthquake. For ten years I've gotten to work with him, train him, do life with him. And now he finds joy in providing aid and spiritual counsel, just like he needed so long ago.