

"Yes, LORD!"

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What does the LORD require of you?
To act justly
To love mercy
To walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8 (NIV)

These children were very happy to receive their Gallon of Care packs sent from partner churches in the US.



It always takes a champion

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)

We've seen over and over again that for ministry to be accomplished it always takes a champion for the Lord and His cause. Being a champion means being an advocate, a mobilizer and a networker in the kingdom of God for His glory, the spread of the gospel, prayer, sending missionaries and materials and raising funds for the edification of His people both locally and globally. Recently we ministered in a meeting that was initiated by an elderly woman who is mostly bed-ridden but got the momentum going for a missions meeting in her country church which eventually involved two other churches in her area. That evening we spoke to a large audi-

ence of people from three churches and we had a rich fellowship over a meal, singing and prayer followed by our ministry presentation. As people left many said they had a great time and thanked us for the evening. However it wouldn't have happened unless Ruth, our champion for the cause of Christ, made the meeting happen. The Lord was glorified, people were edified by our unity in Christ and we were encouraged.

In order for the kingdom of God to advance, it takes champions to forge ministry partnerships. All of the ministries described in this letter are the fruit of many kingdom partners working together.

Gallon of Care, a winner for everyone

ACTION Street Impact Team's (SITeam) Gallon of Care project is enjoyed by everyone, those who send the packs and those who receive them. This project involves packing and sending school and hygienic supplies to us in Manila in gallon size sealable bags. When we receive these packs, we use them in our literacy, camping and Vacation Bible School (VBS) ministries and it's a winner for everyone involved. Families, Sunday school classes and VBS programs have sent us boxes of Gallon of Care packs since 2008 when we started it. This missions project provides a fun hands-on

activity for folks in the US and Canada and the underprivileged students in the Philippines are grateful because their families can't afford to buy these items. We recently received word from Community Bible Church (CBC) in Oregon, whom we visited in March, that they're going to have Gallon of Care as their VBS project in July. A couple of years ago CBC sent us a box of Gallon of Care which they learned about on the internet and did as their VBS project. It was a winner for the kids and families involved so they're doing it again and we're grateful for their partnership in ministering the Word of God to poor children. Perhaps your VBS, Sunday school class or family would like to do a Gallon of Care so log onto www.home.jeffmaryann.com to learn more. Each gallon zipper bag is filled with these items:

- 6" ruler or protractor (no longer)
- Glue stick
- Pencil sharpener
- 3 pencils
- Brightly colored pencils (unsharpened)
- Colorful eraser
- School safe scissors (not pointed)
- 24 count crayons
- Small note pad
- Small hair comb
- Small pack of tissue
- Travel toothbrush
- Travel size toothpaste
- Travel size shampoo (tighten lid)
- Face wash cloth
- Small bar of soap
- And one small toy such as a stuffed animal, doll or car.

An alternative method is to fill the bag with either hygienic products or school supplies, plus a toy.

Update on our support and vehicle fund

Our personal monthly support is increasing little by little so we're at about 90% and we have \$3,600 in our vehicle fund. Pray please that the Lord will provide the remaining 10% for our personal support before we leave June 14 and the needed \$16,400 for a vehicle we'll need to buy upon our arrival in Manila. Having said this we've learned over the years that the Lord never short changes His people and always supplies our needs. We've said this as an encouragement in many of our meetings during this fur-



Church workers befriending street kids who are sniffing glue.

A street boy praying during a meeting on the street. Notice his calloused feet and the sores on his legs.

lough so we're trusting the Lord for His supply for this next term.

Various ministry updates

Currently SITeam is feeding 2,448 people at 27 sites, which includes 60 senior inmates at the New Bilibid National Penitentiary, using primarily food from Feed My Starving Children sent to us by Grace Church Eden Prairie. We're very grateful for Grace's partnership but also the partnership of dear friends in British Columbia who raised funds to sponsor a six month feeding in Marikina, Metro Manila. This area was overwhelmed by Manila's great flood caused by typhoon Ondoy in September '09 and is still very needy. To learn more about our Fish and Bread feeding program log onto our web site at www.jeffmaryann.com

We currently have 327 students taking basic literacy classes at 17 sites using the Department of Education's Alternative Learning System. Each feeding and education site is under the oversight of a partner church or agency which is involved with SITeam year-round. Each location involves community leaders, parents and some include personnel from the Philippine government's Department of Health, Social Welfare and Development and Education, all to whom ACTION is accountable.

We had a medical clinic April 9 for

563 patients at a feeding site recently started in cooperation with the Armed Forces of Philippines. We've only had this clinic so far this year but we have 25 partner churches requesting one. Each clinic costs \$400 totaling \$9,900 which is the cost for medicines, transportation, food for the team and small love gifts for our volunteer medical personnel.

Home-going of a dear friend and brother in the Lord

On April 21 my good friend and brother in the Lord Pastor Marlo Magbanua went to be with the Lord after suffering a stroke. He leaves behind his wife Roquet and four children, one of which is adopted. Marlo and SITeam, along with Roquet, did a lot of ministry together such as feeding, evangelistic camping, Christmas parties, open-air meetings, relief operations and literacy training in a huge flood prone squatter community along the Pasig River called Floodway. Over the course of Marlo's ministry as a church-planter he pioneered two churches in Mindanao and in Floodway. I preached in his most recent church-plant in November so Marlo will be missed but we'll see him again someday along the River of Life which flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb. (Revelation 22:1)

SITeam’s camp schedule

Our remaining camps for street children at Camp Jabez are scheduled for June 14-17, August 2-5 and September 13-16. Camps continue to be a very fruitful way to reach street children for Christ as well as mobilize churches and agencies for ministry to them year-round. Each camp costs \$2,500 which is for 60 campers and 20 workers which covers food, medicine, camp rental, materials and some transportation but we’ll need to take another look at this because of the escalating cost of fuel and food. We’re pleased to have a team from Bethany Baptist Church in Red Deer, Alberta join us for the August camp. Pray please for the needed needs for these three camps totaling \$7,500, that many campers will genuinely turn from sin to the Savior and the participating churches and agencies will be fully prepared to receive them into their nurturing fellowship.

Honest Hands, SITeam’s ten month discipleship program for school drop-outs, had a discipleship camp for ten boys May 23-27 and June 6-10. From the 20 campers ten will be selected for our next class beginning in early July so pray for wisdom in selecting the participants.

Update on fire season

Not too long ago Metro Manila recorded it’s 67th significant fire in a squatter community. SITeam continues to receive calls for help from churches asking us to assist them minister aid and the Gospel to the homeless. However we’re unable to because our disaster relief account is short of funds. Pray that the Lord will provide us with the needed resources so we can help and for wisdom in knowing how to do so. To see photos, log onto our website www.home.jeffmaryann.com.

Easter activities

SITeam, in partnership with three churches, conducted three Easter activities for underprivileged children and their parents. One was for 23 kids being sponsored in school along with some parents and the other two were week long Vacation Bible Schools. Five hundred eighty seven people participated in the activities who are now being followed up by their host church. We’re grateful to Mission-to-Children for their financial gift so we

could have these special activities. To see photos log onto our website. Here are select testimonies:

1. Josephine: Each morning before class we were given food because the teachers knew we hadn’t eaten. I’m thankful for the teachers and what they taught us about Jesus.
2. Gina, a mother: This is our first time to have this type of activity and it seemed all the kids enjoyed themselves learning new songs and Bible stories. My son attended the 7-9 year old class and after each class he told me what he learned and how happy he was to learn about Jesus.
3. Lyn, a mother: I’m glad my two kids attended the VBS because they learned about Jesus and each night they recited their memory verses to me.
4. Christopher, 9 years old: Every day I looked forward to class because I was excited about all the activities and I enjoyed the Bible stories.
5. One of the teachers said this about Analyn, 14 years old: She hugged me after the graduation program and said how very thankful she was to all the teachers for what she learned. She said thank-you for teaching us that Jesus Christ died for her sins.

paper which is saving some expense from the specialty paper we used. We have also printed this letter in full color. Mary Ann’s niece, Alison Franklin, recommended a company to us that is able to print our letters at a reduced price. They also provide some great technical advice for the software Mary Ann uses. We wanted to give this company a try while we are on furlough to see if we like the quality and efficiency.

Furlough summary

As you may recall we arrived in Minnesota in December for a six month furlough and we return to Manila June 14 for our next term of service. Over the previous ten years we’ve made several trips to the States, Canada and UK but our total months of furlough over that period was about 12 so we were due for an extended time in the States. We’re grateful for the time we had with Danny and Micah Scott (our daughter) who live in Spokane, WA, Amos our son who lives in Pasadena, CA, and family members. We’ve been able to take care of some health issues, however, keep praying for the full recovery of sight in my left eye, visit many churches, supporters and friends as well as make new ones.

In April Mary Ann finished two on-line classes at Moody Bible Institute, *Elements of Bible Study* and *Principles of Discipleship* and is working on *The Church and its Doctrines* so she’s been diligent in pursuing a Bible Certificate from MBI.


New look

If you have received our newsletters for awhile, you may have noticed a few changes. First, we are using recycled

“There are 160 million street children in the world. If you counted one per second, it would take you 5.07 years to count every one. This is figured at 31,536,000 seconds per year.”

Doug Nichols,
Founder and
International Director
Emeritus of ACTION

These are everyday scenes in Manila.



We're eager to rejoin our team in Manila but we have much to do before we leave. Leaving and arriving, regardless of which side of the Pacific Ocean, doesn't get easier because our friends, family and colleagues are very precious to us. Thank you for your fellowship, help, support, prayers, hospitality and encouragement. Because we function as the body of Christ, God is glorified, the gospel is being preached and compassionate care is shared among the poor.

Poem

Last March in Bandon, Oregon we met Susanna Scofield, a delightful young woman who wrote this poem when she was 13 and we'd like to share it with her

permission. As you read the poem below, pray to the Lord of the harvest that He will thrust out workers to minister to street children, release funds through His people and raise up prayer warriors. *Will you be a champion?* Ask the Lord what He would have you do among the world's 160 million street kids.



These two photos were taken in March when we visited our kids Micah and her husband Danny Scott (above) and Amos (left).



Street Children

by Susanna Scofield, age 13

When there is food you don't like to eat,
Think of the children who live on the street.
Food they do lack because they are poor.
Guess what they do; they hang around the store!

At just the right moment they dash to the spot,
Hoping that they might gain a whole lot.
Then off with the money that they did steal,
And off to the store to buy their next meal.

Some have no father or mother; no one seems to care.
Some are kicked out of home, because there's no food to spare.
Hungry, tired, cold, and neglected, these children are in need.
Scared, beaten, killed — no rules; it breaks my heart indeed!

Do you have time to pray for them, or do you care?
Have you the money to help them, or do you not dare?
Do you not dare to give up a dollar or two
so that they can have food like you?



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