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SNAPSHOTS OF GOD’S LOVE: VLCCM SOCIAL MINISTRY 2009

Rev. Joel Tejedo, VLCCM Director

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions” (Joel 2:28-29); “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph. 2:10); “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Gal. 6:9)

When I was young, usually my mother taught us to sing hymns for the Lord before we slept. In fact, as I recall, my mother bought hymnals for each one of us in the family so that every time we had devotions, we could use them to worship God. One of the favorite hymns that we always sung during that time was “Count Your Blessings Name them One by One”- a hymn always sung by the Ilocanos when they received blessings from God, in trials of life.



The Bello helped by VLCCM from their distress

Before the end of 2009 as I was writing for the closing of the year, I felt prompted to write a brief snapshots of God’s faithfulness to VLCCM for the year. By recalling God’s work in 2009, I am humbled enough to recognize that it was the Lord who led, sustained and empowered us to live and demonstrate God’s love to the poor people that we ministered to.



VLCCM attending to the results of the typhoon victims

During the first quarter of the year, VLCCM was instrumental in sponsoring a “mass children dedication” in addition to the learning center and regular feeding programs provided by the foundation. These ministries of VLCCM became

possible because of the generosity and funds provided by Dr. Verna Linzey and her son, Dr. Jim Linzey. VLCCM was created and came into being because of the empowered vision and dream I had two years ago. It was fascinating to know that after this event, many children came to the Lord and were being disciplined to be followers of Jesus Christ! Brother Lito Sacatorpiz, my student and associate, became instrumental in continuing our ministry to the children in Bugayong. Through the collective partnership of the TOG church and the VLCCM Foundation, Brother Lito continuously carried out our ministry to the people in the community of Bugayong.

The following six months of the year was included both personal trials and national suffering for us Filipinos. The second quarter of the year 2009 was a time of “*disorientation*” for me and my family because of the prolonged illness (chostocondritis and series of heart attacks) that I suffered after a stressfull mission trip in my hometown. During the series of hospitalizations, we were forced to leave our ministry and make a sabbatical leave to Baguio City.



Helping Josiah to recover from diarrhea

But in the midts of this painful experience, it was in the cool of the day while we were on vacation in Balatoc Mining Corporation that I heard God’s voice in my heart telling me “*you will be meeting people that you have not met, when they entrust you with resources; be a good steward.*” I was soaked with God’s presence after hearing this

message from God. Silently pondering this message, my wife and I entrusted our lives to God and obeyed God. Here you can see how God led us to study at APTS wherein Carolyn pursued her graduate studies, and on the other hand, I was given a break to write my dissertation. But what was amazing then was that it was at APTS where we met new friends.

At the outset of our schooling at APTS, I was priveleged to communicate to Dr. Verna Linzey (90), and being prayed for by her for complete recovery and healing. I praise God for such a wonderful experience! Sister Letty Dizon, a domestic helper from Penang Malaysia, surprisingly called us and expressed her interest to visit us at APTS. We did not know personally this sister in the Lord. But during her visit at APTS, we sensed within her a deep passion for God. Then during the month of July, Jerry Marshall of TBN endorsed the Boyle family from Wales to come for a visit. This lovely family visited us at APTS and comforted us in all our trials. It was hard to say “goodbye” when our families parted at the Bus Terminal because of the Christ-like attitude of the Boyle family that attracted us.

Others that visited us in 2009 were Brother Pakmeng Tarf and Brother Amos Lee, spirit-filled laymen from Malaysia who came on a mission. Their mission trip was outstanding! Who can forget the charismatic preaching of Brother Pak and the praying habbits of Brother Amos? Surely this modern “Paul and Silas” from Malaysia brought revival and encouragement to the churches affected by the typoons.

The last quarter of 2009 brought colossal suffering for Filipinos. The devastating effect of the three successive typoons that hit Luzon not only left a deep ecological scar in the environment but killed hundreds of lives. This tragedy that took place left the majority of Filipinos increasingly hungry and poverty stricken. During the typhoon, one need not ask where were the most desperate people. Needy people were all around!



Providing funds for the feeding program of a house churches

Nevertheless, despite the huge need, VLCCM placed itself as a “player” in meeting needs regardless of limited resources. Contrary to those organizations that magnify their fundraising campaign but do little and remain unengaged in meeting needs of the poor people, VLCCM modeled “ministry immersion” by attending and visiting those who were sick, hungry, and in dire poverty.

As a demonstration of this Spirit-filled advocacy, the last quarter of 2009 was spent in helping typhoon victims, providing food and livelihood funding for churches affected by typhoons, visiting sick people and displaced families, and facilitating Christian activities that ushered people into the Kingdom of God. The following is a brief synopsis of demonstrating God’s love to the people: VLCCM during the typhoons was instrumental in giving:

- Assistance to landslide victims at Beckel AG through APTS
- Assistance to the victims of typhoons at Longlong AG, La Trinidad
- VLCCM Gift Donations for IPC Street Children Project
- Assistance to Josiah’s Hospitalizations

- Assistance to Jeptah Gaiwen’s hospitalization
- Assistance to the Burgos AG Feeding Program
- Assistance to the Ambiong AG Feeding Program
- Assistance to Mrs. Remy Bay-an (Polio Victim)
- Assistance to Mrs. Precy Hernando (Stroke victim)
- Assistance to Mr. Dino Bello (Paralyzed victim)
- Additional fund to the Bugayong AG Feeding Program

During the typhoons, we thank the Lord for these Christian sponsors: my cousin from Canada, Sister Helen G. Simon, and Brother Allen Warren, who is a spirit-filled businessman from Penang Malaysia. Sister Simon and Brother Warren extended their help for us, in order for us to minister to the victims of typhoons, and especially the children. I was amazed to discover when we shared thoughts that the gifts they extended were a product of the *promptings of the Holy Spirit* while they were praying. Indeed, it was a confirmation of the Word of the Lord to me three months before the typhoon came.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge and give thanks for the people touched by God to support the ministry of VLCCM in 2009:

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| Drs. Verna and Jim Linzey | USD 3,000 |
| Mrs. Helen G. Simon | 1,000 |
| Anonymous | 1,500 |
| The Fellowship | 300 |

Pastor Joel Tejado
International Director, VLCCM

PRAYER REQUEST: VISION 2015

- Please pray that we may raise enough funds to lease a three hectare farm for the foundation. This year, we envision having a 1 hectare rice field to be used to provide food for the children
- Please pray that we may be sensitive to the voice of the Spirit in selecting Bible School students to be recipients of VLCCM scholarships
- Please pray that through VLCCM, 10 “VLCCM stores” for the widows will be put up as the Lord provides sponsors/donors
- Please pray that we may be able to extend the feeding program of VLCCM to 20 house churches including, the overseas churches.

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