



Holding This End

Daryl Martin, Director

Spare Time? Spare Money?

“There will continue to be millions of people who are unreached as long as we only use spare time and spare money to reach them.” This thought from the book *Radical* by Davids Platt has caused me to stop and think about how I use my time and money. Am I going and giving only from my excess, or am I asking what it will take to reach the millions who are lost? Do I then allow God to show me what part he wants me to play.

I am glad I have the opportunity to invest both my time and money in supporting and encouraging people like Lou and Tanja and Soriano and Mae who have devoted their lives to reaching the lost.

The Second Tunic supports seventeen indigenous people in full-time ministry. I can hear them echoing the words of the song *What If I Give All* by Ray Boltz: *“What if I give all I have? What will that gift do? My child, a gift like that could change the world. It could feed a multitude.”* 🙏



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The man with two tunics should share with him who has none. Luke 3:11

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Oaks of Righteousness

The Display of God’s Splendor

By Lou and Tanja Velasco

Isaiah 61:3 “...They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor”

God spoke this verse in 2004 when we first started ministering in Agdao, a depressed district of Davao City, Philippines. Our vision is to reach out and disciple young people; to train them to become leaders and agents of change in their community. We would like to share the story of two people whom God has transformed into “Oaks of Righteousness” displaying his splendor.



Roger Rota

Roger Rota was one of the first people from his neighborhood with whom God has led us to engage. A few months later at a youth camp, he dedicated his life to the Lord and we baptized him. After a year of consistent discipleship and commitment, in spite of his environment, he had the opportunity to go for further training in missions and discipleship. Roger later came back and started to invest in the community where he grew up. God gave him a vision for his own people. In addition to working with us, he also holds Bible studies and youth group through which he is mentoring the youth. He leads a feeding program for malnourished children where they feed and minister to 80 kids each week.

It is amazing how God has transformed Roger from a thin, shy youth to a mature man of God who is passionate for his community. The youth in the community look up to him as a spiritual father. We see that God’s word, spoken years ago, did not return to Him void but accomplishes what He desires. God has chosen to engage in this very dark community to bring redemption and transformation for the display of his splendor.

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The Cross Over

Hearing, Believing, and Eternal Life

By Soriano and Mae Catulay

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. John 5: 24

The Bible account of Jesus separating the sheep from the goats has ended with the encouragement to serve Jesus by helping the poor, the sick, and the hungry. The sixty children run to the open space where they will begin playing games. The smell of rice cooking drifts from the cooking fire. Today and every Saturday Soriano and Mae Catulay, along with the older youth, reach out to the children of their community. They are serving Jesus by teaching, playing, encouraging, and feeding the children from this very poor community. Some of these children will become leaders and catalysts for transformation in their communities.



Feeding the Children

Soriano and Mae envision young people rising up with passion to know and serve God and to serve their communities. Four years ago Soriano and Mae moved to Surigao to serve with Youth With A Mission (YWAM). They have been assisting the churches in the area as regional youth ministers and through preaching and teaching. They are serving their community through Bible Study, youth camps, skills training, and feeding the poor. Jesus said "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." John 5:24. Soriano and Mae are serving their community so that they too can believe and cross from death to life. 🍷



Mae Teaching



Soriano and Mae Catulay serve in Surigao City, Philippines. They work with the children and youth of their church and community. They desire to instill a passion for God in those they serve.

Oaks of Righteousness continued

We met Nholelyn Cuban when she was still in high-school. Growing up without a dad, she was a child at risk, longing for love and acceptance. Chances were high that she would hang out with her peer group and get pregnant early. She joined a Christian dance group we started, where we encouraged youth to come to know and worship God through dance. As we reached out to her she, in time, reached out to God. She hasn't turned back and is growing strong in the Lord. She has a fire burning within, a desire to follow God wherever He may lead.



Nholelyn

Nholelyn is a leader and mentor who is loved and respected by her community. She is part of Oasis, a school sponsorship program, which integrates education, life skills, and the Word of God. She is also a leader in the Serving in Agdao to see Lives Transformed (SALT) Team. The SALT Team provides leadership and networking of many ministries in Agdao that are reaching, discipling, feeding, and teaching youth and children in Agdao. A theme verse of the SALT Team is Proverbs 24:11 *"Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering towards slaughter"* 🍷

Lou and Tanja serve with The Second Tunic in Davao City, Philippines. For the past eight years they have been reaching out to their community, sharing and showing the love of God.



You are invited!

The Second Tunic Banquet

May 3, 2013 at 6:00 PM

at

Mellinger Mennonite Church
Lancaster, PA

There will be special music, sharing, and testimonies as well as an update on the work of The Second Tunic and those we support.

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