

Holding This End

Daryl Martin, Director

Hope, in all we do

As I witness the work of those we support, there is a message of hope in all that they do. *Hope* in the eyes of the children as they gather for a nutritious meal. **Hope** as the youth are given skills training. **Hope** for those who lost all in Typhoon Hainan. *Hope* in the lives of the pastors who are cared for and encouraged. **Hope** for the youth trapped in addiction to sniffing solvents. *Hope* for those who are sponsored to attend school and graduate. **Hope** as the Gospel is preached in remote villages. **Hope** for those struggling with despair and depression. Hope for those trapped in poverty and injustice. Hope for those who accept Christ, the living **Hope.** Your partnership is a vital part of bringing hope to those supported by The Second Tunic and the people to whom they minister. 👸

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

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Relationships in Turmoil
The Hope of Restoration
by Tanja Velasco

Before their mom died five years ago, ten children, including a baby girl, were forsaken by their dad. Their aunt is adopting two of the children but is overwhelmed with taking care of the rest. She does, however, allow them to stay next door. The baby girl is from the fourth sibling who became pregnant before her last year in high school.

They went through a storm and brokenness is still part of their lives.

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Hope in Sickness and in Health

"Real hope is found in Jesus alone" Lucy Malaque

This recent month is my victorious month in the Lord. Jesus the Son of God is all-powerful. He does not want me to be afraid and lose hope but to have faith. John14:1 says "don't let your heart be troubled and trust Him." King David faced many troubles, but he chose to trust God more than anything else. He wrote: "when I am afraid, I will put my trust in You." I praise God for what he has promised. I trust him, so why I should be afraid? No matter what I am facing, God's promise never fails.

I have multiple myomas. Tests reveal that one is shrinking and the other is growing. In this I see God's hand at work. While I know in my heart that Jesus has power to heal me, it is harder to really believe and trust that He will do it. Matthew 7:7 reminds me to ask when I need something, even though he knows what we need. When we ask, He



will listen... God gives hope to his people. Those who trust in Him will never be disappointed, and those who hope upon the Lord will renew their strength... Real hope is found in Jesus alone.

Lucy and her husband, Nelson, serve in Butuan, Philippines. Their focus is on youth and children as well as care for pastors in the region.





Christmas Blessing

This year we again want to give you the opportunity to bless those who are serving with The Second Tunic by providing a special Christmas gift. This is an expression of gratitude for their service in sharing of the greatest gift ever given, the gift of Emmanuel, God with us. This gift will be divided among all who are supported by The Second Tunic. Please mark your donation toward this blessing as "Christmas Blessing". Thanks in advance for your gift. $\widetilde{\ensuremath{\wp}}$

Relationships in Turmoil, continued

And yet, the more they believe Jesus, the more change we see in them. They are such an encouraging bunch, respectful, generous, courageous, and loving children of God! As they allow God to be their Light, they can go through the storm.



How do we view storms in our lives? John 1:9-12 says, "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those

who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

This truth we know, when we believe in Jesus, we become Children of God. We enter into relationship with God. Because of this, our relationships here can be restored. However, sometimes what we see and what experience are different. We must hold on to the truth even in the midst of the storm.

We see this in Agdao, and we saw it as well in Leyte and the typhoon-affected areas. God uses storms to bring reconciliation and strength to broken relationships. We too try to share the Light even in our own brokenness, with the Hope of restoration.

Tanja and her husband, Lou, serve in Agdao, an area of poverty in Davao City, Philippines. Their focus is on youth and children.

Hope in the marketplace, hope in the alley; Hope in the mountains, hope in the valley.

Hope for the desperate, hope to replace fears; Hope for the lonely, hope to replace tears.

Hope in God's faithfulness, hope in his love; Hope for the hopeless, hope from above.