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Philippines Medical Mission

Last year, 4 missionaries, 7 students, 3 volunteers and 1 doctor went to Manila in the Philippines for a two-week medical mission. It was the first time that GAIN (Global Aid Network: Power to Change's humanitarian partner) brought our university students on one of their medical missions. Students assisted with some of the medical stations, ministered to the many children at the clinics, and learnt to share the Gospel with the patients at the medical clinics. They also had the opportunity to see God's heart for the lost and poor, and to minister cross-culturally.



The days were long and hard, and team members often ministered in dirty and smelly surroundings. One of the more memorable places that the team visited was in the shadow of a giant dumpsite. The team could smell the stench if the wind blew the wrong way. Despite this, the team was able to play and show God's love to the many children there. These children were mostly left on their own as their parents made a living out of picking through the rubbish for scraps to sell. A lot of the children had mild fevers from infections picked up from their surroundings. Wanting to help these children and keep them away from harm, a local Christian lady set up a music school to minister to these children, and our team based our medical clinic out of this school.

Many times, team members would feel that heart clench as they met with sick people or people who had lost hope in life. The team often felt helpless, but there was one thing that they slowly realised: the real hope is not in the medicine they give, but in the Gospel they share. The only one who can save them (physically but also spiritually) is our Lord Jesus Christ. After we finish a medical clinic, the local team and partners follow up everybody who has prayed to receive Christ or expressed interest in God. From this, house churches and Bible studies begin in these new areas.

This year, another Medical Mission team will be heading to the Philippines – this time with 14 students! The mission is from 20th Nov to 3rd Dec. The team will be co-led by Jiji Skariah (GAIN), Melanie Bodo (GAIN), and Cecilia Au (Campus). They will be visiting another area in the Philippines, on the island of Bohol. Please be praying for the team as they begin finalizing their preparations. May God give us an even bigger heart for His work in the Philippines.

By Cecilia Au



Go to <https://vimeo.com/242670759> or click on the left image to view a short video about the Global Aid Network.

We will be spending time with our daughters and grandson right after Christmas here in Queensland. Then we have a road trip to Victoria to visit ministry partners and family before heading to New South Wales for the mission's bi-annual conference.

Praying that you all will have a wonderful Thanksgiving and a blessed Christmas!

In His Service,

Mark + Mary

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

I John 4:14

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Thank you so much for your response to our appeal in our last prayer letter. Praise the Lord with us that the shortfall has been covered and we are well on the way to covering our monthly financial needs.

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